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ARMED EXCHANGE

Smoke raises from South Korea's Yeonpyeong island near the border against North Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010. North Korea shot dozens of rounds of artillery onto the populated South Korean island near their disputed western border Tuesday, military officials said, setting buildings on fire and prompting South Korea to return fire and scramble fighter jets.

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At least 3 deaths,

Storm that smacked Northwest moves to Utah, Idaho

By GEORGE TIBBITS,
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A ferocious storm that crippled much of the Pacific Northwest barreled into the Rockies on

Tuesday, threatening blizzard and whiteout conditions on one of the busiest travel days of the year.

The National Weather Service issued a blizzard warning for Utah, where officials told holiday travelers in the northern part of the state to get out of town now or risk being stranded on Thanksgiving.

At least three deaths in Washington state have been blamed on the storm, including a man struck and killed outside his car Monday night on snowy Interstate 5 in Tacoma. Officials in Portland, Ore., also were investigating whether a man whose body was found along the Willamette River died from the cold.

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A sledder starts downhill after a push as the Space Needle is seen behind Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, in Seattle's Gasworks Park. A vicious storm struck the Pacific Northwest and other western states at the start of the holiday travel season, dumping heavy snow on roads, knocking out power to tens of thousands of people and causing a cargo plane to overshoot its runway in Seattle. At least three deaths in Washington state have been blamed on the storm, including a man struck and killed outside his car Monday night on snowy Interstate 5 in Tacoma.

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Thanksgiving travel was dicey throughout the region with many highways too dangerous to drive.

In Seattle, icy roads kept airline crews from getting to the airport, and people who missed their flights because of the dangerous drive were trying to rebook on already crowded flights.

The weather service said 2.5 inches of snow fell at the airport Monday, breaking the old record for the date of 1.5 inches in 1977.

The tiny central Washington town of Waterville became a refuge when the blizzard blasted across the scattered wheat fields and sagebrush along U.S. Highway 2.

"We got sideways snow.

We've got snow that's going up, stuck up under things. Snow is everywhere, because it's been so windy," Dave Lundgren, owner of the Waterville Historic Hotel, said Tuesday. "We're definitely going to be looking for inside things to do."

Even cold-hardened Alaskans were complaining about the weather, with freezing rain making travel hazardous if not impossible. Fairbanks was among the hardest-hit; schools closed and most government agencies and military bases told nonessential workers to stay home.

"I don't think the roads can get much worse," said David Gibbs, emergency operations director for the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Andy Haner, a weather service

meteorologist in Seattle, said the storm blew down from Alaska before turning toward the Northern Rockies.

"Sometimes we call them 'inside sliders' because they slide down the Inside Passage from Alaska," he said.

Citrus growers in California's San Joaquin Valley prepared to fight off crop-damaging frost as a cold front moves into the region.

The storm is expected to reach the Salt Lake City area during the evening commute. The Utah Department of Transportation closed Interstate 84 at the Idaho border, and is warning commute times in the state's urban areas could quadruple.

That's what happened Monday night in Washington. Slick roads, blowing snow and temperatures in the mid-20s turned the evening commute in Seattle and nearby cities into an hours-long crawl. Some motorists gave up after being stuck for five hours or more and returned to their offices or just left their cars at the side of the road.

Winds gusting to 65 mph made matters worst by cutting off

power for tens of thousands of utility customers in Western Washington. Puget Sound Energy says it's doing all it can to restore electricity to tens of thousands of customers who lost power in the Monday night storm, but some could still be in the cold and dark on Thanksgiving.

Spokane and Eastern Washington were hit with even stronger winds and colder temperatures, staying well below zero overnight.

Tuesday dawned bright, sunny and cold over much of the state as crews hurried to plow and deice roads. Most schools closed, including the University of Washington's three campuses.

Annie Wicken, an employee at a Seattle supermarket, said her boss practically begged her to make the hours-long, multi-bus journey to work.

"I hope people will still try to shop and get their Thanksgiving stuff," she said while waiting at a bus stop.

Emergency shelters opened throughout the region to warm the homeless. In Olympia, the Volunteer Center of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston

Counties scrambled to find people with four-wheel-drive vehicles to deliver more than 400 Thanksgiving meals to homebound seniors.

"We feel like these people get shortchanged enough in life. We're bringing them a meal no matter what happens," said the center's Emma Margraf.

Two people were killed Monday when their car slid on a snowy road at Cowiche near Yakima and collided with another car, the Washington State Patrol said. Another man died when he was struck outside his car Monday night on snowy Interstate 5 in Tacoma.

The patrol Tuesday launched a plane equipped with a heat-seeking camera to look for stranded motorists from Seattle south to Olympia. It said that in the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., troopers had responded to 1,557 collisions and 1,274 disabled motorists statewide.

Much of Northwest will get a cold but brief break to dig out and maybe brave travel for the Thanksgiving holiday before more snow that could arrive by Wednesday night. □

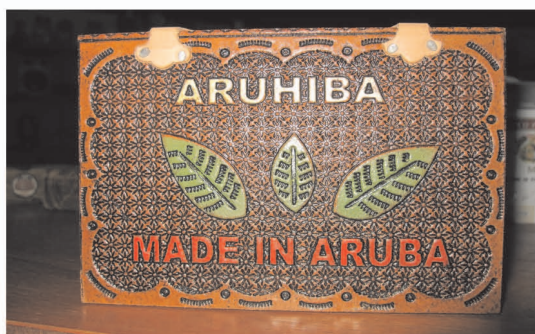
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Resisting scanners just means delays



ATLANTA — Despite tough talk on the Internet, there was little if any indication of a passenger revolt at many major U.S. airports, with very few people declining the X-ray scan that can peer through their clothes. Those who refuse the machines are subject to a pat-down search that includes the crotch and chest.

Many travelers said that the scans and the pat-down were not much of an inconvenience, and that the stepped-up measures made them feel safer and were, in any case, unavoidable.

“Whatever keeps the country safe, I just don’t have a problem with,” Leah Martin, 50, of Houston, said as she waited Monday to go through security at the Atlanta airport. At New York’s LaGuardia Airport early Tuesday, Jeannine St. Amand got a pat-down in front of her husband

and two children. The 45-year-old from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, figured she got one because the underwire of her bra tripped the metal detector.

“It’s hard to remember all the restrictions. Next time, I’ll wear a different bra,” she said. She opted to have the pat-down in public rather than private and said it was professional and done by a female agent.

“She tells you ahead of time what she is going to do, which is a good thing because that could be awkward,” St. Amand said.

Transportation Security Administration chief John Pistole pleaded with Thanksgiving travelers for understanding and urged them not to boycott full-body scans on Wednesday. It would only snarl what is already one of the busiest, most stressful flying days of the year and would only “tie up people who want

to go home and see their loved ones,” he said.

“We all wish we lived in a world where security procedures at airports weren’t necessary,” he said, “but that just isn’t the case.”

He noted the alleged attempt by a Nigerian with explosives in his underwear to bring down a plane over Detroit last Christmas.

About two-thirds of Americans support using the full-body scanners to increase security, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll published Tuesday. But half of the 514 adults surveyed by phone said the more rigorous pat-downs go too far.

At Chicago’s O’Hare Airport, Gehno Sanchez, a 38-year-old from San Francisco who works in marketing, said he doesn’t mind the full-body scans. “I mean, they may make you feel like a criminal for a minute, but I’d rather do that than someone touching me,” he said.

A loosely organized Internet campaign is urging people to refuse the scans on Wednesday in what is being called National Opt-Out Day. The extra time needed to pat down people could cause a cascade of delays at dozens of major airports, including those in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta.

“Just one or two recalcitrant passengers at an airport is all it takes to cause huge delays,” said Paul Ruden, a spokesman for the American Society of Travel Agents, which has warned its more than 8,000 members about delays. “It doesn’t take much to mess things up anyway.”

Most who don’t like the screenings just grumble but

don’t really cause a big fuss, at least not that Cris Soulia, a TSA officer in San Diego and president of a local union, has heard or seen.

“We’re not here groping people. We’re not here molesting people. We’re checking them for items and explosives. And yes,

explosives can be hidden in the groin area,” she said.

More than 400 imaging units are being used at about 70 airports. Since the new procedures began Nov. 1, 34 million travelers have gone through checkpoints and less than 3 percent are patted down, according to the TSA. □

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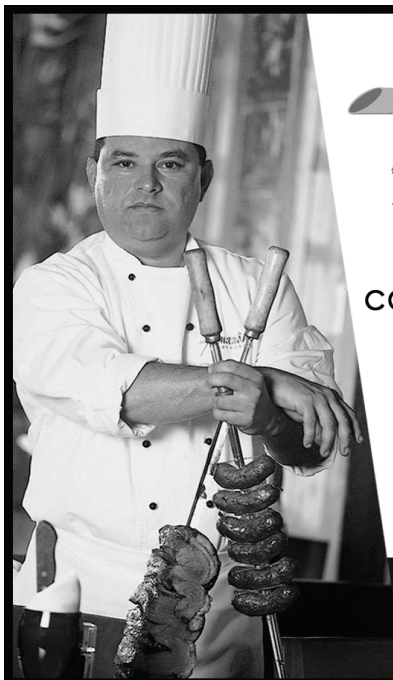
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3rd eye: NYU artist gets camera implanted in head



NEW YORK – A New York University arts professor might not have eyes on the back of his head, but he's coming pretty close.

Wafaa Bilal, a visual artist widely recognized for his interactive and performance pieces, had a small digital camera implanted in the back of his head all in the name of art. Bilal said Tuesday that he underwent the procedure for an art project that was commissioned by a new museum in Doha, Qatar, in the Arab Gulf. Titled "The 3rd I," it is one of 23 contemporary works commissioned for the opening of the Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art on Dec. 30. The exhibition is entitled "Told/Untold/

Retold." "I am going about my daily life as I did before the procedure," the Iraqi-born artist said in a statement.

Bilal, who is teaching three courses this semester at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, will wear the camera for one year. It is 2 inches in diameter and less than an inch thick. The project will raise "important social, aesthetic, political, technological and artistic questions," he said.

He declined to say when the camera was implanted or other details of the art installation, saying it "will be revealed to the public as part of the museum preview on Dec. 15" and on a website to be launched on the same day, <http://www.3rdi.me>.

He said he chose to have it put in the back of the head as an allegorical statement about the things we don't see and leave behind.

How it all fits together is still a bit of a mystery.

The camera will capture his everyday activities at one-minute intervals 24-hours a day and then be transmitted to monitors at the museum, said curators Sam Bardaouil and Till Fellrath of Art Reoriented, who commissioned Bilal on behalf of the museum.

"He doesn't have to alter his lifestyle or what he does. In principal, he's moving on with his life," Bardaouil told The Associated Press from Doha. "It will be a three-dimensional, real space-and-time experience. Once the piece is revealed, you'll realize that the camera is only

one aspect of the work and there are aspects as important that will be experienced."

The project has raised challenging questions for NYU, the nation's largest private school with about 44,000 students. "As a school of the arts, a school whose mission is to educate artists, we place a high value on his right to free expression in his creative work as an artist," NYU said in a statement.

"We also take seriously the privacy issues his project raises, its impact on our students, and the importance of preserving trust in the pedagogical relationship between a faculty member and students."

NYU said it has had numerous "constructive and productive" conversations with the artist and was continuing "to discuss with him the right mechanism to ensure that his camera will not take pictures in NYU buildings." But a number of students said they were not overly concerned about their privacy being violated.

"I don't really know what you would be protecting them (students) from, what would be happening in the classroom that couldn't be shared," said Erin Wahed, 22, who graduated in May with a BFA in photography but did not take any of Bilal's classes.

Seth Mrocska, who was friends with some of Bilal's students but did not have him as a professor before graduating in May, agreed, saying "It's not that there's much to hide in the classroom." □

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US condemns North Korean attack on South Korea

By JULIE PACE
PAULINE JELINEK,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama was “outraged” Tuesday, the White House said, following North Korea’s artillery attack against the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong, the latest in a series of provocations that have reawakened concerns about the threat posed by the communist country and its reclusive leadership.

North Korea fired barrages of artillery onto a South Korean island near their disputed western border Tuesday, setting buildings ablaze and killing at least two marines after warning the South to halt military drills in the area, South Korean officials said.

“It’s an outrageous act,” Obama spokesman Bill Burton told reporters.

In an earlier statement released before dawn, shortly after the attack, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs called on North Korea to “to halt its belligerent action and to fully abide by the terms of the armistice agreement,” the 1953 pact that ended the Korean War.

Gibbs said the White House “is in close and continuing contact” with the South Korean government.

“The United States is firmly committed to the defense of our ally, the Republic of Korea, and to the maintenance of regional peace and stability,” he said.

Though the White House had strong words for North Korea, the administration was tempering Obama’s direct involvement by planning a written statement from the president instead of having him speak publicly.

At least 20 members of Obama’s national security team were to meet late Tuesday afternoon to discuss response to the crisis, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.N. ambassador Susan Rice,

Pacific Commander Adm. Robert Willard and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The president, who was traveling back to Washington Tuesday afternoon after delivering a speech on the economy in Indiana, was expected to be briefed on the meeting and his staff’s recommendations. Obama was also expected to call South Korea’s President Lee Myung-bak.

The White House said it would work with its international partners to determine the appropriate next steps.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said the U.S. has not moved any additional U.S. assets to the area as a result of the shelling and declined to say whether forces there had been put on any heightened alert. He said it was “premature” to say whether the U.S. is considering any action in response to the incident or whether to increase the deterrent there.

Congressional Republicans and Democrats joined the administration in condemning the attack.

“As the people of the Republic of Korea question what new belligerent action may come from the North, they should not have any question that the people and forces of the United States stand ready as a devoted ally committed to the defense of their nation,” Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said in a statement. “I join the president in his strong condemnation of what is sadly just the latest in a long string of hostile actions. North Korea’s neighbors should unite in condemning this attack.”

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton, D-Mo., called the artillery attacks “reprehensible” and said it was “in direct violation of the Armistice Agreement.”

“The North Korean regime is more dangerous than most people realize. I join the

administration in strongly condemning North Korea for its artillery attack against South Korea,” Skelton said in a statement.

For Obama, the incident continues a preoccupation with national security issues since the Nov. 2 election in which Republicans reclaimed the House of Representatives and also narrowed the Democratic majority in the Senate. He has been struggling to get a vote in the Senate on the New START nuclear weapons treaty with Russia and took a 10-day Asian tour and traveled to a NATO summit last week.

The White House said Obama was woken up shortly before



President Barack Obama speaks while Vice President Joe Biden listens at the Chrysler Indiana Transmission Plant II in Kokomo, Ind., Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010.

(AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

4 a.m. by National Security Adviser Tom Donilon, who updated the president on the situation. Obama was updated again during his daily intelligence briefing before he traveled to Indiana.

Gen. Walter Sharp, commander of U.S. forces in South Korea and the U.S.-led U.N. Command, has been

talking with his South Korean counterparts and Gates was scheduled to talk to his, as well, on Tuesday morning, said Lapan, the Pentagon spokesman.



Pentagon officials said none of the more than 28,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea were involved in the military drills. □

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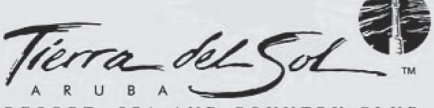
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Man charged in 4 Boston killings held without bail



Kimani Washington attends a court hearing at the Manchester District Court in Manchester, N.H., Monday, Oct. 4, 2010. The Boston man wanted for questioning in the shooting deaths of four people, including a toddler, agreed Monday to return to Massachusetts without fighting extradition from New Hampshire, where he was arrested last week on a fugitive-from-justice charge.
(AP Photo/Cheryl Senter, Pool)

By DENISE LAVOIE, AP Legal Affairs Writer
BOSTON—A man was ordered held without bail Tuesday following his arraignment on murder and other charges in a shooting in Boston that left four people dead, including a

2-year-old boy and his mother, and a fifth wounded.

In a courtroom packed with friends and relatives of the victims, not guilty pleas were entered for Dwayne Moore, 33, on charges of murder, armed robbery and home invasion.

Moore, who prosecutors said was released from prison earlier this year after serving a 10-15 year sentence for manslaughter, did not appear in the courtroom. Instead, he stood behind a plexiglass partition with the door cracked open so he could hear the charges.

Moore's court-appointed lawyer said his client "vehemently denies" the allegations.

Killed in the Sept. 28 shootings were 2-year-old

Amani Smith; his mother, 21-year-old Eyanna Flonory; her boyfriend, 21-year-old Simba Martin; and 22-year-old Levaughn Washum-Garrison. The fifth victim, 32-year-old Marcus Hurd, was critically wounded.

Assistant Suffolk District Attorney Edmond Zabin said in Dorchester District Court that Moore used to live with Martin and knew that Martin kept drugs and cash at the address.

Moore and Kimani Washington, 34, went to Martin's apartment in the city's Mattapan neighborhood with the intention of robbing it, Zabin said.

After Moore went through the apartment and took cash, drugs, a TV and other items, the five victims were

"marched up the street ... where they were shot multiple times," Zabin said.

Washington was charged earlier in the investigation with weapons violations, receiving a stolen car, drug trafficking and being a career criminal. He pleaded not guilty and his lawyer has said he "unequivocally denies" hurting anyone.

Moore's lawyer did not contest the prosecution's request that his client be held without bail. The shooting was the single deadliest in Boston since December 2005, when four young men were fatally shot in a makeshift basement recording studio in the Dorchester neighborhood. Two men are serving prison sentences for that shooting. □

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Best Buy sees better Black Friday sales

NEW YORK – U.S. consumer electronics chain Best Buy Co Inc (BBY.N) anticipates higher sales on "Black Friday," the kick-off to the all-important holiday selling season, a top executive said.

The news boosted its shares by about 2 percent. "There is pent-up demand out there," Shari Ballard, executive vice president of Best Buy, told Reuters in an interview on Monday, adding that the retailer is planning for better holiday sales this year versus 2009.

"We are actually enormously excited about the holidays," Ballard said, adding: "From a year perspective, it has been a little bit lumpy in terms of customer demand."

After a year of uneven demand when consumers showed excitement only around launches of new products like Apple Inc's (AAPL.O) iPad tablet or new phones, Best Buy is pulling out all the stops ahead of what's shaping up to be a highly competitive holiday season.

The brick-and-mortar chain started holiday promotions earlier than usual this year and hired more phone agents and increased their level of training to cater better to customer queries on gadgets, Ballard said.

"We started earlier. We used online more distinctly than we did in the past ... We have been on television about 10 days earlier this



year than last year to make sure that we are getting the message out," Ballard said.

Best Buy is also offering free shipping this year as it fights industry goliaths like Wal-Mart Stores Inc (WMT.N) and online rival Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) for a larger share of consumer wallets heading into the busiest shopping season of the year.

The company has also been touting creative promotions like offering a different smartphone for free each week when a customer pays for a two-year calling plan. Best Buy shares were up 97 cents at \$44.51 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. □



Riu Palace Aruba wins with 2010 Condé Nast Traveler

PALM BEACH - Riu Palace Aruba is considered one of the "Best Caribbean Resorts" by readers of Condé Nast Traveler.

The prestigious magazine Condé Nast Traveler held the twenty-third edition of its Annual Reader's Choice Awards, in which the hotel Riu Palace Aruba was honored as one of the "Best Caribbean Resorts."

Since 1988, every year readers of this international magazine who share a passion for travel, choose under a

strict criteria the best within the following categories: cities, transportation, islands, hotels and resorts. This year 1,060 winners were awarded by Condé Nast Traveler's 2010 Annual Readers Choice. Only 28 resorts, among which the hotel Riu Palace Aruba is included, are distinguished "Best Resorts in the Caribbean".

The Riu Palace Aruba is a luxurious five-star hotel that opened in 2007 on the island of Aruba and since then has maintained a high percentage

of repeat customers due to its high level of quality and service.

The hotel has 450 rooms, fine dining distributed amongst six restaurants, a casino, a gym and spa, among many other services.

About RIU Hotels & Resorts: The international RIU chain was founded by the Riu family in 1953 as a small holiday firm and is still owned by the family's third generation.

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which welcome over 2.9 million guests a year. RIU is currently the world's 28th ranked chain (according to HOTELS magazine in 2009), one of the Caribbean's most popular and the third largest in Spain by revenue and number of rooms. □



Feel-Good-Friday at Garufa with Marisela

ORANJESTAD — Fans danced all night at Garufa Ultra Lounge on Friday, when Marisela, now back in Aruba until after the New Year, gave them what they came for, music, fun and entertainment.

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Jawbone found in Aruba doesn't belong to Holloway



By DANICA COTO,
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A jawbone found on an Aruba beach does not belong to missing Alabama teenager Natalee Holloway, prosecutors in the Dutch Caribbean island said Tuesday. The



jawbone is human, though it is unclear who it belongs to. Dutch investigators compared the lone tooth on the bone with dental records supplied by Holloway's family and "it can be ruled out that the bone fragment came from Natalee Holloway," the prosecutors said.

The bone was found recently by a tourist on a beach, and Aruba prosecutors had asked forensic scientists in the Netherlands to analyze it. They assured that the Holloway case has "the constant attention from law enforcement on the island."

But John Kelly, an attorney for Holloway's mother, Beth Twitty, hinted that the media apparently found out first about the test results.

"Beth accepts the forensic conclusions, is emotionally exhausted from the inexplicably long wait and deeply disappointed in the time and manner in which she learned of the results," he said in a statement.

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Diana Villamarin and Carl Solazzo are wed



PALM BEACH — Diana & Carl enjoyed a lovely destination wedding in Aruba, at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa surrounded by their adoring family members and friends. The weekend of festivities took off on Saturday with a



BBQ Rehearsal Dinner in the 9th floor penthouse suite of the resort. On Sunday, the love-birds exchanged wedding vows on the beach at sunset, against the backdrop of gorgeous weather, to the beautiful prose of local officiant Ruben Trappenberg. One-hundred and thirty-two wedding guests congratulated the new Mr. & Mrs. Solazzo at an elegant cocktail reception to Tico Kock's steel band music. The evening continued with a gourmet banquet and dancing, at the resort's Grand Caribbean Ballroom where dinner was served over bottomless cocktails to live DJ mixing with Tino Daal. □

Amazonia Churrascaria helps celebrate Natalie's birthday



PALM BEACH -- Natalie Wong's birthday, was celebrated with family members and friends in attendance, sharing time together and enjoying the community experience. During the holiday season, Amazonia Churrascaria is especially popular for big and small groups featuring both indoor and outdoor seating options, and dining Rodizio style, with more than 16 cuts of beef, grilled, preserving the natural flavors and juices of the meat. The meal is paired with the 50 item seasonal salad bar, as well as hot Brazilian side dishes. A special a la carte option accommodates those with a smaller appetite! Pictured here, a multi generational celebration in honor of Natalie Wong. □



HOLLOWAY - JAWBONE

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“Apparently Aruban prosecutors were more sensitive to media concerns than the painful vigil of a mother.” It is unclear how exactly Twitty learned of the results. Family spokeswoman Sunny Tillman did not immediately return a message seeking comment. Tuesday’s announcement once again eliminates a hope of evidence about the fate of the Mountain Brook, Alabama, student who disappeared while on a high school graduation trip in 2005, when she was 18. Aruba’s attorney general, Taco Stein, told The Associated Press that officials do not know how old the bone is or where it might have come from. “It’s anybody’s guess,” he said. “We’re a small island.”

He speculated that it could even have come from nearby Venezuela or Curacao, given the intense hurricane season that churned the ocean. Stein said authorities will check with police to see if the jawbone might belong to a missing person or the victim of an unsolved murder, but he said it was unlikely because Aruba only has a handful of those types of cases.

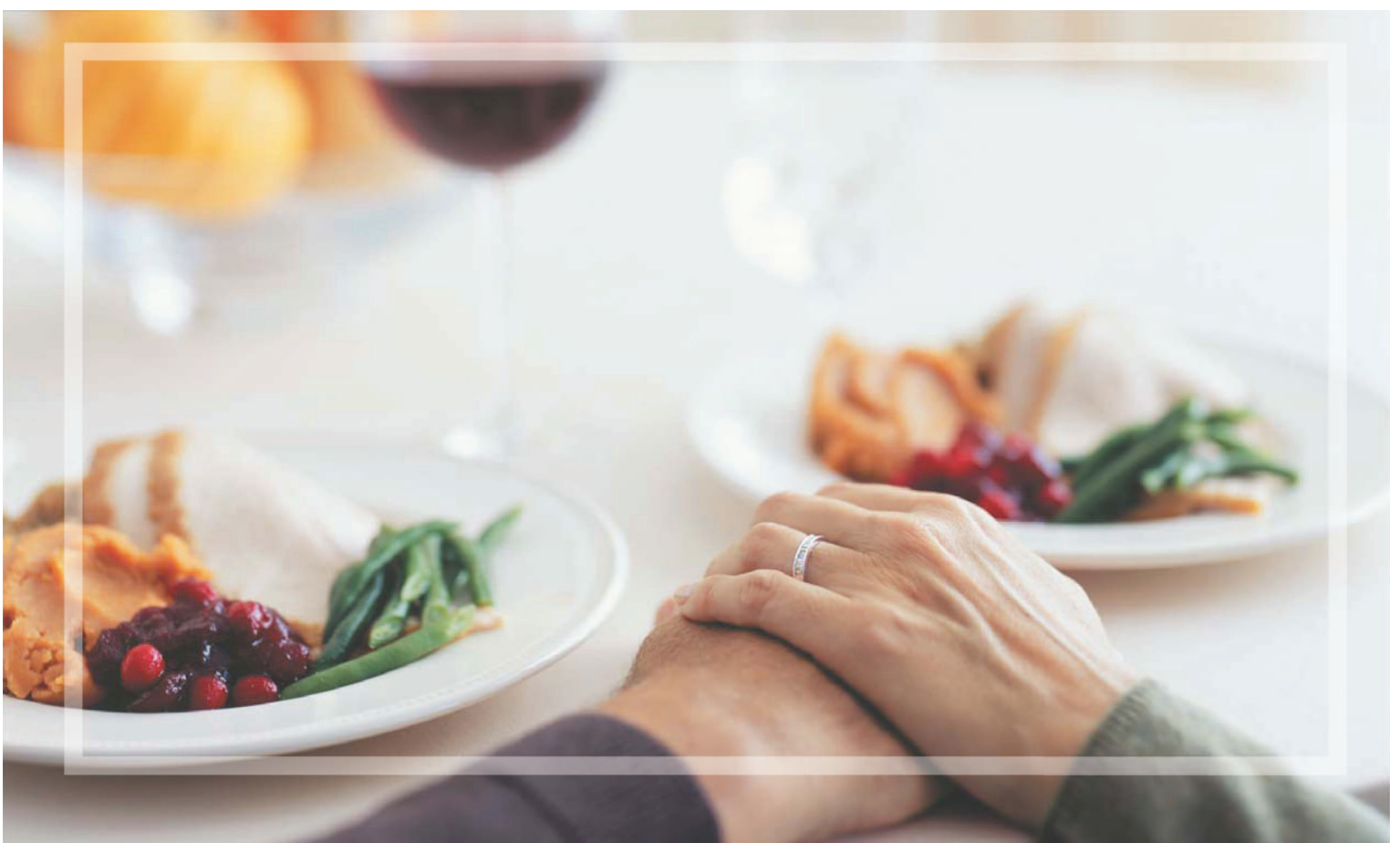
Holloway’s parents, Dave Holloway and Beth Twitty, did not respond to calls for comment.

Family attorney Vinda de Sousa told The Associated Press that the family might issue a statement later.

Earlier in the day, Carol Standifer, who said she is a close friend of the teen’s mother, told CBS’s “The Early Show” that if the bone did belong to the missing teen, “there will be some semblance of closure.”

Holloway was last seen leaving a bar with Dutchman Joran van der Sloot, the prime suspect in her disappearance, on the final night of her trip.

Aruba prosecutors have repeatedly said they lack evidence to charge Van der Sloot, who is in jail in Peru on charges of killing a 21-year-old woman last May 30 — five years to the day after Holloway’s disappearance. He has denied killing Holloway. U.S. law enforcement officials have charged Van der Sloot with trying to extort money from Holloway’s mother to reveal the location of Holloway’s body. □



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Manager and her committee which divided the associates into two teams, in the corporate colors of green and

black. Pictured here the Brain Crash, featuring two part questions for points and trophies. □



Feel-Good-Friday at Garufa with Marisela



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The singer who recently returned from Europe where she is working on her own music CD, played contemporary and Latin music, as David, Nelson and Blanca, mixed most delicious cocktails, also serving famed El Gaucho snacks, late into the night.

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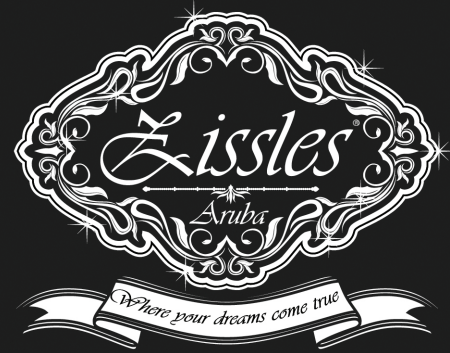
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Brazil beefs up Rio police after gangs rob drivers



A bullet hole pierces the window of a small police station in the Del Castilho neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tuesday Nov. 23, 2010. Rio's entire military police force was ordered into the streets after more gang attacks ended with two motorists shot dead, cars burned and mass robberies on highways.

JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press
RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazilian officials sent 1,200 extra police into the streets of Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday to halt an upsurge of roadblocks

and mass robberies by gangs that they say are challenging police for control of slums. The military-run police announced they had ordered the officers off of desk work and into the streets to quell

the attacks that have renewed concerns about security for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics.

Rio has been hit by a spike in violence since Sunday, with at least five mass robberies of motorists on key highways, including the one leading to the international airport. Witnesses say the armed men have blocked roadways with cars, then moved down the line of trapped vehicles, yanking people from their cars and robbing them in broad daylight. One man who resisted was shot to death in a poor area of northern Rio, police said. Suspected drug gang members, armed with assault rifles, pistols and even grenades, have tossed molotov cocktails into several of the cars after motorists fled. Burned-out husks of the cars littered the sides of roads

in several parts of the city, including wealthier areas that are usually spared the rampant violence that permeates the city's slums.

Police responded by deploying riot officers on expressways into the city of 6 million people and sending patrols into 16 gang-controlled shantytowns to hunt down gang members they hold responsible for the attacks.

Officers seized drugs, cells phones and various weapons, including a Kalashnikov in the action. Two men died confrontations with police Tuesday, officials said. Eleven have been arrested.

Rio state Public Safety Director Jose Beltrame, in charge of the security forces, said the attackers are trying to disrupt a city campaign to push gangs out of key shantytowns. "There are groups of criminals who have been installed here for 20, 30 years, and they might not want to give up. But we're not giving up either," he said. "If they keep this up, we'll redouble our efforts. Anyone who gets in our path will be run over." He said eight high-level drug traffickers are suspected of coordinating the attacks from local prisons and asked they be moved to more distant

federal penitentiaries.

Thirteen shantytowns have been pacified over the past two years. The plan is to free 40 — a small fraction of Rio's more than 1,000 slums — of gang control by the time of soccer's World Cup.

The national minister of justice, Luiz Paulo Barreto, assured executives of soccer's governing body, FIFA, on Tuesday that the country is preparing to welcome the games in a climate of "peace and tranquility."

City officials also sought to reassure residents of Rio's dangerous slums.

"People might be scared, but we have a purpose here," Beltrame said. "We are living for now with the problems of the old Rio. They don't go away magically. But we are working toward a definitive solution."

Taxi driver Leonard Viera de Oliveira, 40, took little comfort. Criminals used to just rob you, he said. Now they're burning your car and blocking the road.

He gestured at police officers on the side of the road: "They're here now, but how long can they keep it up? I'm out there until 4 a.m., and if I need them, will they be around?" □

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Myanmardemocracyleader Suu Kyi reunited with son

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi saw her younger son Tuesday for the first time in a decade, in an emotional reunion at the Yangon airport 10 days after she was released from detention and 10 years after they were last together.

Kim Aris, 33, was finally granted a visa by the military regime after waiting for several weeks in neighboring Thailand. Just before walking into the airport terminal, the 65-year old Suu Kyi, who was released Nov. 13 after more than seven years under house arrest, told reporters, "I am very happy." Tears welled in her eyes when she first saw her son.

A smiling Suu Kyi slipped her arm around his waist as the two posed briefly for photographers and they walked out of the airport holding hands.

Clearly showing support for his mother's cause, Aris bared his left arm before airport security and the public to reveal a tattoo of the flag and symbol of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy. Suu Kyi looked at it closely and smiled. The flag and symbol feature a fighting peacock and a star.

Through her lawyer Nyan Win, Suu Kyi thanked the authorities for issuing the visa to her son, who resides in Britain and last saw his mother in December 2000. He has repeatedly been denied visas ever since by the ruling junta.

Suu Kyi, who won the 1991 Nobel Peace prize for her nonviolent struggle for democracy, was first arrested in 1989 when Kim was 11 and his older brother, Alexander, was 16. She has been detained for 15 of the past 21 years.

In an interview last week with The Associated Press, Suu Kyi acknowledged that her years of political work had been

difficult for her family.

"I knew there would be problems," she said of her midlife decision to enter politics. "If you make the choice you have to be prepared to accept the consequences."

Elder son Alexander accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on his mother's behalf in 1991 — while she was serving an earlier term of house arrest — and reportedly lives in the United States.

Her husband, Michael Aris, died of prostate cancer in 1999 at age 53, after having been denied visas to see his wife for the three years leading up to his death. Suu Kyi has never met her two grandchildren.

On Wednesday, Suu Kyi and Kim plan to visit the famed Shwedagon pagoda. She has typically paid her respects there on each release from detention, but she waited to make this week's trip until Kim arrived. Suu Kyi was largely raised overseas and initially settled with her husband and sons in England.

But in 1988, she returned home to take care of her ailing mother as mass demonstrations were breaking out against military rule. She was quickly thrust into a leadership role, mainly because she was the daughter of Aung San, the country's martyred founding father.

She led her party, the National League for Democracy, to victory in 1990 elections, but the junta refused to recognize the results. The first vote since was held this year, but the league refused to participate, charging that it was being held under unfair and undemocratic conditions. As a result, the party was disbanded.

The party has appealed its dissolution, but the High Court threw the case out Tuesday. Nyan Win said the party is pursuing other legal channels to continue its fight. □



Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi holds hands the hand of her son Kim Aris, right, as they leave Yangon International Airport in Yangon, Myanmar Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010. Suu Kyi was reunited Tuesday with her son whom she last saw a decade ago, in an emotional moment at the Yangon airport 10 days after she was released from detention.

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Tensions high as North, South Korea trade shelling

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INCHEON, South Korea (AP) — North and South Korea exchanged artillery fire Tuesday along their disputed frontier, raising tensions between the rivals to their highest level in more than a decade. The communist nation warned of more military strikes if the South encroaches on the maritime border by “even 0.001 millimeter.”

Angry at South Korea’s refusal to halt military drills near their sea border, North Korea shelled the island of Yeonpyeong, and Seoul responded by unleashing its own barrage from K-9 155mm self-propelled howitzers and scrambling fighter jets. Two South Korean marines were killed in the shelling that also injured 15 troops and three civilians.

Officials in Seoul said there

could be considerable North Korean casualties.

The confrontation lasted about an hour and left the uneasiest of calms, with each side threatening further bombardments.

North Korea’s apparent progress in its nuclear weapons program and its preparations for handing power to a new generation have plunged relations on the heavily militarized peninsula to new lows in recent weeks.

South Korea’s military was put on high alert after the shelling — one of the rivals’ most dramatic confrontations since an armistice halted the Korean War in 1953 and one of the few to put civilians at risk.

“I thought I would die,” said Lee Chun-ok, 54, an islander who said she was watching TV in her home when the shelling began. Suddenly, a wall and door collapsed.



South Korean President Lee Myung-bak has a briefing at the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Seoul as the military was put on top alert after North Korea’s artillery attack on a South Korean island of Yeonpyeong Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010.

Associated Press

“I was really, really terrified,” she told The Associated Press after being evacuated to the port city of Incheon, west of Seoul, “and I’m still terrified.” The attacks focused global attention on the tiny island and sent stock prices down worldwide. The dollar and gold rose as investors sought safe places to park money. Hong Kong’s main stock index sank 2.7 percent, while European indexes fell between 1.7 and 2.5 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 142 points, or 1.3 percent.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, who convened an emergency security meeting shortly after the initial bombardment, said an “indiscriminate attack on civilians can never be tolerated.”

“Enormous retaliation should be made to the extent that (North Korea) cannot make provocations again,” he said.

The United States, which has more than 28,000 troops stationed in South Korea, condemned the attack. The White House said President Barack Obama was “outraged” by North Korea’s actions.

Top national security aides planned to meet later Tuesday to discuss the situation. The White House said it would work with its international partners to determine the appropriate next steps.

Gen. Walter Sharp,

commander of U.S. forces in South Korea and the U.S.-led U.N. Command, said in a Facebook posting that the U.S. military is “closely monitoring the situation and exchanging information with our (South Korean) allies as we always do.” China, the North’s economic and political benefactor, which also maintains close commercial ties to the South, appealed for both sides to remain calm and “to do more to contribute to peace and stability on the peninsula,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned North Korea’s artillery attack, calling it “one of the gravest incidents since the end of the Korean War,” his spokesman Martin Nesirky said. Ban called for “immediate restraint” and insisted “any differences should be resolved by peaceful means and dialogue,” the spokesman said.

The clash “brings us one step closer to the brink of war,” said Peter Beck, a research fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations, “because I don’t think the North would seek war by intention, but war by accident, something spiraling out of control has always been my fear.”

South Korea holds military exercises like Tuesday’s off the west coast about every three months, and they

typically provoke an angry response from North Korea, but Tuesday’s confrontation was far from typical.

Skirmishes flare up along the disputed border from time to time, but this clash follows months in which tensions have steadily risen to their worst levels since the late 1980s, when a confessed agent for North Korea bombed a South Korean jetliner, killing all 115 people aboard.

The communist regime in Pyongyang has sought to consolidate power at home ahead of a leadership transition and hopes to gain leverage abroad before re-entering international talks aimed at ending its nuclear weapons programs.

In March, North Korea was blamed for launching a torpedo that sank the South Korean warship Cheonan while on routine patrol, killing 46 sailors. South Korea called it the worst military attack on the country since the war. Pyongyang denied responsibility. South Korea did not retaliate for the sinking of the Cheonan.

Six weeks ago, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il anointed his youngest son, Kim Jong Un, heir apparent. This week, Pyongyang claimed it has a new uranium enrichment facility, raising concerns about its pursuit of atomic weapons. □

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Vatican: Condom use less evil than spreading HIV

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VATICAN CITY (AP) —

In a seismic shift on one of the most profound — and profoundly contentious — Roman Catholic teachings, the Vatican said Tuesday that condoms are the lesser of two evils when used to curb the spread of AIDS, even if their use prevents a pregnancy.

The position was an acknowledgment that the church's long-held anti-birth control stance against condoms doesn't justify putting lives at risk.

"This is a game-changer," declared the Rev. James Martin, a prominent Jesuit writer and editor.

The new stance was staked out as the Vatican explained Pope Benedict XVI's comments on condoms and HIV in a book that came out Tuesday based on his interview with a German journalist.

The Vatican still holds that condom use is immoral and that church doctrine forbidding artificial birth control remains unchanged. Still, the reassessment on condom use to help prevent disease carries profound significance, particularly in Africa where AIDS is rampant.

"By acknowledging that condoms help prevent the spread of HIV between people in sexual relationships, the pope has completely changed the Catholic discussion on condoms," said Martin, a liberal-leaning author of several books about spirituality and Catholic teaching.

The development came on a day when U.N. AIDS officials announced that the number of new HIV cases has fallen significantly — thanks to condom use — and a U.S. medical journal published a study showing that a daily pill could help prevent spread of the virus among gay men.

"This is a great day in the fight against AIDS ... a major milestone," said Mitchell Warren, head of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition. Theologians have debated for years whether it could be morally acceptable for HIV-infected people to use

condoms to avoid infecting their partners.

The Vatican years ago was reportedly preparing a document on the subject, but it never came out.

The groundbreaking shift, coming as it does from the deeply conservative pontiff, would appear likely to restrain any public criticism from Catholic conservatives, who insisted Tuesday that the pope was merely reaffirming the church's moral teaching.

Conservatives have feared that a comment like this would give support to Catholics who want to challenge the church's ban on artificial contraception in an environment where they feel they are under siege from a secular, anti-Catholic culture.

George Weigel, a conservative Catholic writer, said the Vatican was by no means endorsing condom use as a method of contraception or a means of AIDS prevention.

"This is admittedly a difficult distinction to grasp," he told The Associated Press in an e-mail. What the pontiff is saying is "that someone determined to do something wrong may be showing a glimmer of moral common sense by not doing that wrong thing in the worst possible way — which is not an endorsement of anything."

Benedict's comments come at a time when bishops in the United States are intensely focused on upholding the strictest views of Catholic orthodoxy, emphasizing traditional marriage, natural family planning based on a woman's menstrual cycle and making abortion the most important issue.

In the book, "Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times," Benedict was quoted as saying that condom use by people such as male prostitutes indicated they were moving toward a more moral and responsible sexuality by aiming to protect their partner from a deadly infection.

His comments implied that he was referring primarily to homosexual sex, when condoms aren't being used as a form of contraception.

However, questions arose immediately about the pope's intent because the Italian translation of the book used the feminine for prostitute, whereas the original German used the masculine.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, told reporters Tuesday that he asked the pope whether he intended his comments to apply only to men. Benedict replied that it really didn't matter, the important thing was that the person took into consideration the life of another.

"I personally asked the pope if there was a serious, important problem in the choice of the masculine over the feminine," Lombardi said. "He told me no. The problem is this: ... It's the first step of taking responsibility, of taking into consideration the risk of the life of another with whom you have a relationship."

"This is if you're a man, a woman, or a transsexual. ... The point is it's a first step of taking responsibility, of avoiding passing a grave risk onto another," Lombardi said. Those comments concluded the press conference, and Lombardi took no further questions about how broadly this interpretation could be applied.

The clarification is significant. UNAIDS estimates that 22.4 million people in Africa are infected with HIV, and that 54 percent — or 12.1 million — are women. Heterosexual transmission of HIV and multiple, heterosexual partners are believed to be the major cause of the high infection rates.

Benedict drew harsh criticism when, en route to Africa in 2009, he told reporters that the AIDS problem couldn't be resolved by distributing condoms. "On the contrary, it increases the problem," he said then.

In Africa on Tuesday, AIDS activists, clerics and ordinary Africans applauded the pope's revised comments.

"I say, hurrah for Pope Benedict," exclaimed Linda-Gail Bekker, chief executive of South Africa's Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation. She



In this picture made available by the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano Pope Benedict XVI holds a copy of the book "Light of the World", a series of Pope interviews with German journalist Peter Seewald, at the Vatican, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010. The Vatican broadened the scope of the pope's comments about condom use being a lesser evil than transmitting HIV by saying the concept also applies to women. The Pontiff said in the book that condom use by people such as male prostitutes was a lesser evil since it indicated they were taking a step toward a more moral and responsible sexuality by aiming to protect their partner from infection.

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said the pope's statement may prompt many people to "adopt a simple lifestyle strategy to protect themselves." In Sierra Leone, the director of the National AIDS Secretariat predicted condom use would now increase, lowering the

number of new infections. "Once the pope has made a pronouncement, his priests will be in the forefront in advocating for their perceived use of condoms," said the official, Dr. Brima Kargbo. □

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San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers prior to the Chargers' NFL football game against the Denver Broncos Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, in San Diego.

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Joe Paterno says he's coming back in 2011

By GENARO C. ARMAS

AP Sports Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. —

Joe Paterno plans to return as Penn State coach next season, ending the latest round of speculation about retirement. The Nittany Lions meet No. 11 Michigan State in the regular-season finale on Saturday, and some fans and members of the media were wondering if this would be the 83-year-old Hall of Famer's final appearance at Beaver Stadium. Illness slowed him down in the offseason, and the Nittany Lions' midseason stumbles even had some fans griping for change.

The rumor mill churned anew in recent weeks, but major college football's winningest coach said Tuesday at Beaver Stadium he hadn't even given thought to leaving a job he's held a record 45 seasons.

"I had no intentions, and I've never indicated to anybody, including myself, that I was not coming back," he said on the Big Ten coaches teleconference. "No, it's always been in my mind that



Penn State head coach Joe Paterno looks on from the sidelines during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Indiana, Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, in Landover, Md. Penn State won 41-24.

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now is not the time to go. I think we've got a good young team. They may not be there yet but they will be soon." And with Paterno leading them again. He turns 84 on Dec. 21.

"Joe Paterno publicly confirms what we suspected all along — he will be back coaching Penn State in 2011," son and quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno tweeted.

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NFL Roundup

Rivers throws 4 TD passes in 35-14 Chargers win

By BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — It took the San Diego Chargers 10 games to play the way they were supposed to all along.

Finally escaping those special teams blunders and turnovers that dogged them in September and October, the Chargers beat the Denver Broncos 35-14 on Monday night as Philip Rivers tied his career high with four touchdown passes to four different receivers. "This was the most complete game we've played in all

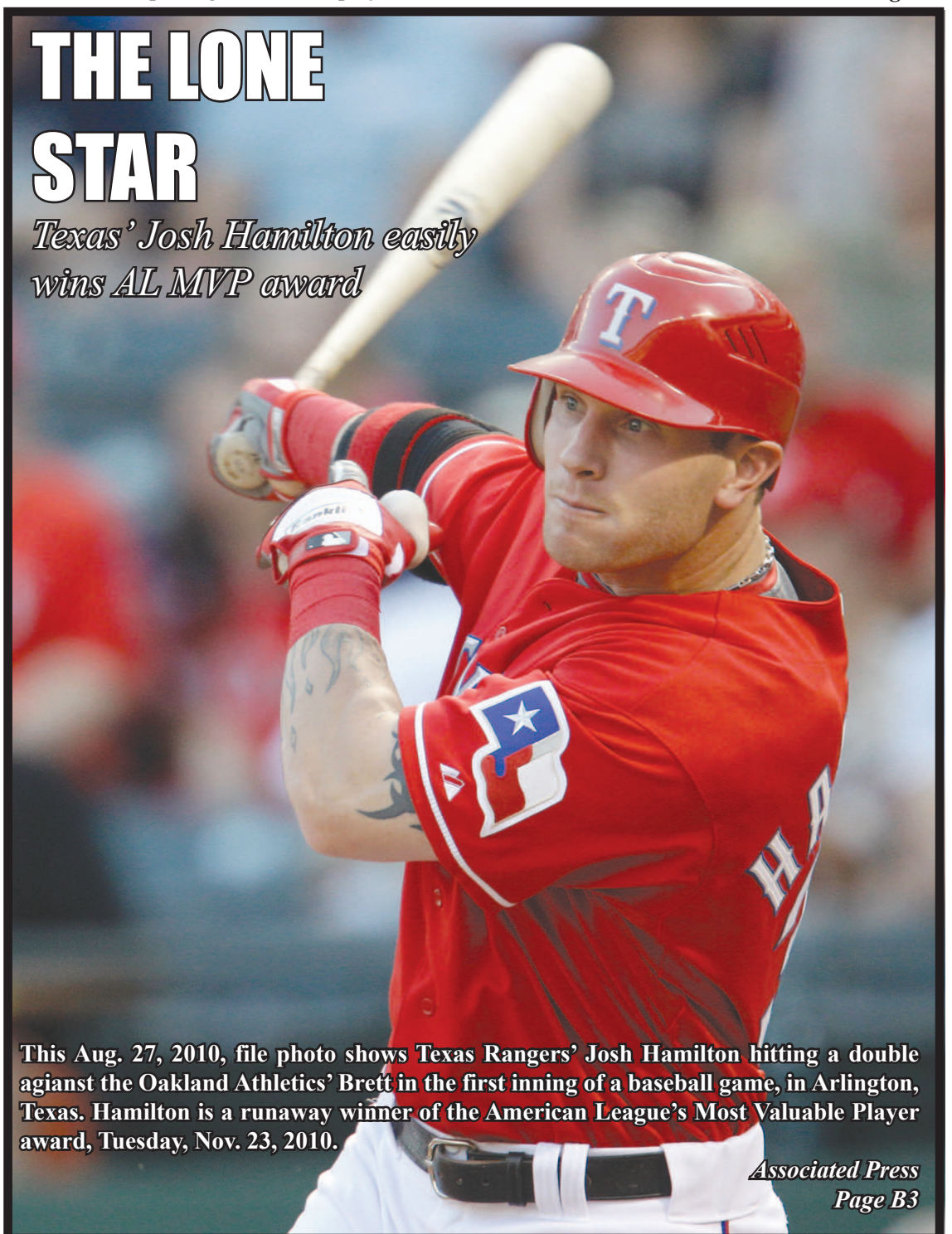
three phases," Rivers said after San Diego's third straight victory. "We are in a lot of ways in playoff football already. You almost can't afford a step back at this point."

While Rivers threw for a season-low 233 yards, San Diego's defense, led by linebacker Shaun Phillips, settled in and harassed Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton after he led an easy opening scoring drive. Denver was held to 235 yards and converted only one of 12 third downs.

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THE LONE STAR

Texas' Josh Hamilton easily wins AL MVP award



This Aug. 27, 2010, file photo shows Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton hitting a double against the Oakland Athletics' Brett in the first inning of a baseball game, in Arlington, Texas. Hamilton is a runaway winner of the American League's Most Valuable Player award, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010.

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No. 2 Federer beats Murray in 2 sets at ATP finals

CHRIS LEHOURITES,

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Playing like the Roger Federer of old, the 16-time Grand Slam champion from Switzerland easily beat Andy Murray 6-4, 6-2 Tuesday at the ATP World Tour Finals.

The second-ranked Federer stretched his record to 2-0 at the season-ending tournament for the top eight players in the world, but has still not advanced to the semifinals from Group B.

Robin Soderling beat David Ferrer 7-5, 7-5 in the other Group B match, meaning all players still have a chance to advance.

Federer lost only eight points on his serve in the match at the O2 Arena — three in the first set and five in the second. “I’m surprised, I really am, that I was able to win my service games that comfortably,” said Federer, who won 63 points to Murray’s 43. “That’s not to the norm against Andy, who is one of the best return players, if not the best, in the game right now. So I’ll take that is all I can say.”

Besides controlling play with his serve, winning 88 percent of the points when he landed his first serve, Federer also forced Murray into long rallies when he was receiving. Pulling forehands to his left and hitting them to his right with ease, Federer waited for his British opponent to make the errors or set up his winners. “He came out and made some mistakes. Maybe it was due to my good play,” Federer said of Murray, who made 26 unforced errors. “I played tough and solid from start to finish. That seemed to be enough today.”

Federer has won the season-ending event for the top eight players in the world four times, and he can certainly add to that if he keeps playing like he did Tuesday.

Murray, however, dropped to 1-1 and will have to improve if he is to reach the semifinals. He will face Ferrer in his final match Thursday while Soderling takes on Federer. Murray struggled from the start Tuesday, forced to save



Switzerland’s Roger Federer, right, shakes-hand with Britain’s Andy Murray at the end of their round robin single tennis match of the ATP World Tour Finals at O2 Arena in London, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010. Federer won by 6-4, 6-2.

a break point in the opening game. And it was his serve that was letting him down most of the way, landing only 44 percent of the first serves. That allowed Federer to take advantage of the much slower

second serve.

“I returned poorly, served poorly,” Murray said. “Against him, that’s not going to win you the match.”

Federer earned his first break in the third game of the first

set, winning all four points played. He then won his next three service games at love. In the second set, Murray saved two break points in the opening game, but Federer stayed alive through four

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Sterger’s manager says no settlement with Favre

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The manager for the woman at the center of the NFL’s investigation of Brett Favre said Tuesday that the quarterback’s agent asked about paying her to keep quiet.

But that’s not how Favre’s agent, Bus Cook, sees it. Cook said in a statement that Jenn Sterger’s camp made “numerous overtures” to him. He said he believes money has been the motivation for the former New York Jets game emcee.

Sterger’s manager, Phil Reese, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview he called Cook in October to alert him about a forthcoming Internet report alleging Favre sent inappropriate messages and lewd photos to Sterger when they were both with the Jets two years ago.

Reese said the reason he

reached out was to compare notes about news that could be damaging to both of their clients.

“I was concerned because I didn’t know exactly what was going to be coming out, and I knew that it wasn’t going to be good for everyone involved,” Reese told the AP in a phone interview.

“He asked me if there was a specific figure in mind that could make this go away. I told him, ‘I wish it were that easy, but there’s no putting the toothpaste back in the tube.’”

Cook replied in a statement to the AP Tuesday that there was never an intention to offer money for silence.

“Her manager and her lawyer have made numerous overtures to me ... at least 6 between the two of them,” Cook wrote. “Anyone can figure out why. The point is we were never going to pay them, we didn’t pay them



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre leaves the field after the Vikings’ 31-3 loss to the Green Bay Packers in an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 in Minneapolis.

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and we will never pay them. Because, there is NO reason to pay them! They should consider that their attempts to negotiate privately and through the media have failed.”

Cook declined to answer further questions about the matter.

Joe Conway, Sterger’s attorney, said he called Cook once to introduce himself and followed up with a letter. □

deuces to earn a third break point, which he converted with a forehand that hit the top of the tape and zipped past Murray.

After holding at love yet again, Federer broke again to make it 3-0 and soon led 4-0.

“I tried to play quite aggressive. You’re not going to hit winners every single time you go on the court,” said Murray, who is 8-6 overall against Federer. “Today I made more mistakes than normal.”

In the late match, the fourth-ranked Soderling broke his Spanish opponent in the final game of both sets. The Swede also broke the seventh-ranked Ferrer again for a 4-2 lead in the second, but the Spaniard broke back to 5-4.

Soderling lost to Murray in the first match but can still advance with a win over Federer on Thursday, depending on the result in the Murray-Ferrer match. Ferrer has a slim chance of advancing, but must beat Murray in straight sets and hope Federer defeats Soderling.

“This was a really important win. Now at least I have the chance to make it to the semis,” Soderling said. “(Federer) is playing really good right now. He played two unbelievable matches so far in this tournament. But like always against him, I need to serve and return well and try to be aggressive.”

On Monday, top-ranked Rafael Nadal rallied to beat Andy Roddick 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 and third-ranked Novak Djokovic defeated Tomas Berdych 6-3, 6-3.

Nadal will take on Djokovic on Wednesday, while Roddick and Berdych play in the early Group A match.

In doubles, Jurgen Melzer of Austria and Philipp Petzschner of Germany beat Lukas Dlouhy of the Czech Republic and Leander Paes of India 7-6 (9), 4-6, 10-8. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski of Poland defeated top-ranked Bob and Mike Bryan of the United States 2-6, 7-6 (4), 10-8 in the late Group A match. □

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Texas' Josh Hamilton easily wins AL MVP award

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas outfielder Josh Hamilton was a runaway winner of the American League's Most Valuable Player award. Hamilton received 22 first-place votes and 358 points in voting announced Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Hamilton overcame eight trips to rehabilitation for drug and alcohol addiction to lead the major leagues in batting average (.359) and slugging percentage (.633) and help the Rangers reach their first World Series. He had 32 homers and 100 RBIs despite missing time with two broken ribs. "It's awesome, everybody makes mistakes in their lives and everybody deserves a second chance," Rangers teammate David Murphy said before voting was announced. "A lot of people don't take advantage of that second chance. But he took it and he ran with it."

After voting was concluded, Hamilton was voted MVP of the AL championship series win over the Yankees. Overall, he hit .190 in the postseason with five homers and nine RBIs.

"There were other guys around the league who had great years, but seeing Josh, what he was able to do, it's pretty impressive," teammate Michael Young said. "You don't see guys go three-month stretches where they hit .400, it's just too difficult to do."

Hamilton is the sixth Rangers MVP, following Jeff Burroughs (1974), Juan Gonzalez (1996, 1998), Ivan Rodriguez (1999) and Alex

Rodriguez (2003).

Joey Votto was voted NL MVP on Monday. Votto and Hamilton were together on the Reds in 2007.

Selected by Tampa Bay with the top pick in the 1999 amateur draft, Hamilton didn't make an impact in the majors until 2008, when he won the All-Star Home Run Derby at Yankee Stadium and led the AL with 130 RBIs.

Injuries limited Hamilton to 89 games the following year, when he hit .268 with 10 homers and 54 RBIs.

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera was second with five first-place votes and 262 points after leading the AL with 126 RBIs and a .420 on-base percentage. The Yankees' Robinson Cano was next with 229 points.

Toronto's Jose Bautista, who led the major leagues with 54 home runs, had the remaining first-place vote and 165 points. Bob Dutton of The Kansas City Star, Tom Gage of The Detroit News, Scot Gregor of The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald, Jim Ingraham of The Port Clinton News-Herald and Steve Kornacki of Booth Newspapers voted Cabrera first. Shi Davidi of The Canadian Press cast the first-place vote for Bautista.

Hamilton receives a \$100,000 bonus, Cabrera \$200,000 and Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox \$60,000 for finishing fifth. Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria was sixth, followed by teammate Carl Crawford, and each gets \$25,000.



Texas Rangers center fielder Josh Hamilton smiles during a news conference after winning the American League's Most Valuable Player award on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

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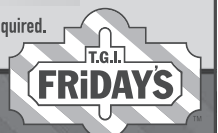
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Spurs notch 11th straight win, beat Magic



San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan, left, and Tony Parker, of France, right, congratulate teammate Manu Ginobili, of Argentina, center, after was fouled as he scored late in the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Orlando Magic, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010 in San Antonio. San Antonio won 106-97.

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs saw off their stiffest test yet to extend their NBA winning streak to 11 games with a 106-97 victory over the Orlando Magic on Monday.

NBA Roundup Tony Parker had 24 points and 10 assists, while Manu Ginobili had 25 points for the Spurs, who have an NBA-best record of 12-1. It is the longest winning streak in nearly three years

for the Spurs, who have taken a training-camp goal of a fast start far beyond what they had in mind. The Magic, meanwhile, were perhaps in search of a litmus test after just one of their nine wins this season have come against a team with a winning record.

The Spurs can thank their long-range shooting for keeping this streak going. San Antonio made 12 of 19 from behind the 3-point line,

including all five attempts in the fourth quarter.

Dwight Howard had 26 points and 18 rebounds for the East Conference-leading Magic, whose own winning streak ended at four. In Atlanta, Boston raced to a 26-point lead in the first quarter and went on to rout Atlanta. The Hawks missed five of its first six shots, and Boston had a double-digit lead before the game was 4 minutes old. At 13-3, Atlanta coach Larry Drew called the first of three timeouts in the opening quarter in a desperate attempts to slow the Celtics.

Nothing worked. Boston made 18 of 25 shots, the Hawks just 4 of 17 and it was 39-13 at the end of the first. Boston's Nate Robinson had 16 points and 10 assists filling in for Rajon Rondo, who missed the game with a hamstring strain.

Mike Bibby led the Hawks with 11 points.

Nuggets 106, Warriors 89

In Oakland, California, Carmelo Anthony scored a season-high 39 points as Denver beat Golden State to snap a four-game road losing

streak.

Anthony struggled with his shooting early but was a career-best 17-for-17 at the free throw line. He also had nine rebounds and five assists to help the Nuggets to their seven straight win over the Warriors. Al Harrington added 19 against his former team. Monta Ellis scored 20 points to lead Golden State.

In Miami, the hosts' week of woe continued as Dwayne Wade had his worst-ever shooting game and Indiana recorded a comfortable win.

Wade finished with three points on 1-for-13 shooting. He had never shot so poorly when taking at least 13 tries, and the point total was the third-lowest of his career. He has been held scoreless twice. Danny Granger had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Brandon Rush added 20 points for the Pacers, who took control with a 29-11 run in the second quarter.

LeBron James scored 25 points and Chris Bosh had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, which learned earlier Monday that top reserve Udonis

Haslem will need surgery to repair a torn foot ligament and be out indefinitely.

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant and Jeff Green returned from injuries and powered Oklahoma City to its fifth consecutive victory, beating Minnesota.

Durant scored 28 points and Green had 24, including a go-ahead 3-pointer in the final minute. Green missed the previous four games with a sprained left ankle and Durant, who came in averaging an NBA-best 28 points, was out for two games with a left ankle sprain.

Kevin Love had 24 points and 17 rebounds for Minnesota.

Oklahoma City led by as many as 18 in the second half, but the Timberwolves put together an impressive rally to take a six-point lead with less than 7 minutes to go.

In Salt Lake City, C.J. Miles scored 20 points to help Utah beat Sacramento. After hitting five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter in a comeback win over Portland on Saturday, Miles keyed two runs that gave the Jazz their third win in the past four starts.

In other NBA games Boston 99, Atlanta 76; Indiana 93, Miami 77; Oklahoma City 117, Minnesota 107; Phoenix 123, Houston 116; San Antonio 106, Orlando 97; Utah 94, Sacramento 83; Denver 106, Golden State 89; and L.A. Clippers 99, New Orleans 95. □

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Terry Collins introduced as NY Mets' new manager

By **HOWIE RUMBERG**

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Terry Collins stood at the podium, explaining in rapid-fire patter how the New York Mets can win it all next year. It was as if he were a carnival barker trying to convince a skeptical crowd that what it was about to see was indeed real. His energy and enthusiasm were clear.

"I forgot to mention optimist is another quality," new general manager Sandy Alderson said. Alderson introduced Collins at Citi Field on Tuesday as the 20th manager in Mets' history. He said New York's minor league field coordinator last year was the right man to help rejuvenate a club that languished at the bottom of the NL East the past two seasons and has not been to the playoffs since 2006. Collins signed a two-year contract with a club option for 2013.

"I love this job," said Collins, after putting on a No. 10 jersey in honor of friend and Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland. "I will do whatever it takes to bring success for the New York Mets and win more ballgames, and we want to be the last team standing next October." He happily believes it could happen.

"The personalities are there. The energy is there," he said, "What we have to do now is execute."

It's been 11 years since Collins' last managed in the big leagues, yet the Mets still preferred his experience and a host of other factors in choosing him over fellow Mets employees Bob Melvin, Chip Hale and Wally Backman. The 61-year-old Collins succeeds Jerry Manuel, who was fired along with general manager Omar Minaya in October.

Hale will return to his role as the Mets' third base coach, and Backman will manage in the minor league system again. Alderson also said pitching coach Dan Warthen will return. Hitting coach Howard Johnson and bullpen coach Randy Niemann will be reassigned. Collins said he and Alderson began discussing possibilities for bench coach — it will not be someone as tightly wound as he is.

"A lot has been said about his intensity," Alderson said. "Certainly that was a factor, an attractive quality for us. His major league managing experience also came into play. But also I have to emphasize that his time spent in player development was also a significant factor. This job is all about leadership, but it's also about teaching."

Collins managed the Houston Astros from 1994-96 and the Anaheim Angels from 1997-99. He has a 444-434 record overall, leading teams to second-place finishes in each of his five full seasons. He also was skipper of Orix in Japan from 2007-08 and led China to its first win in the World Baseball Classic in 2009.

Experienced, yes. But he also has a reputation for alienating players with his hard-charging style. In Anaheim, he resigned with 29 games to go in the 1999 season after a near player revolt. He also quit as manager of Orix.

"I'm not the evil devil that a



Terry Collins poses at Citi Field after being introduced as the new manager of the New York Mets, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, in New York.

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lot of people made me out to be," Collins said, "I learned to mellow a little bit."

Collins took responsibility for allowing problems to fester in the Angels' clubhouse.

"I will guarantee you that will not happen here," he said.

A baseball lifer who spent 10 years in the minors as a player but never made it to the big leagues, Collins has deep respect for the sport and

attributes his intensity partly to his expectations for how the game should be played.

He also refused to make excuses for managerial style.

"I have been around Tom Lasorda, Lou Piniella, Jim Leyland. And excuse me if they're not intense," Collins said. "But I believe to manage this game, you've got to have some intensity and some desire." □

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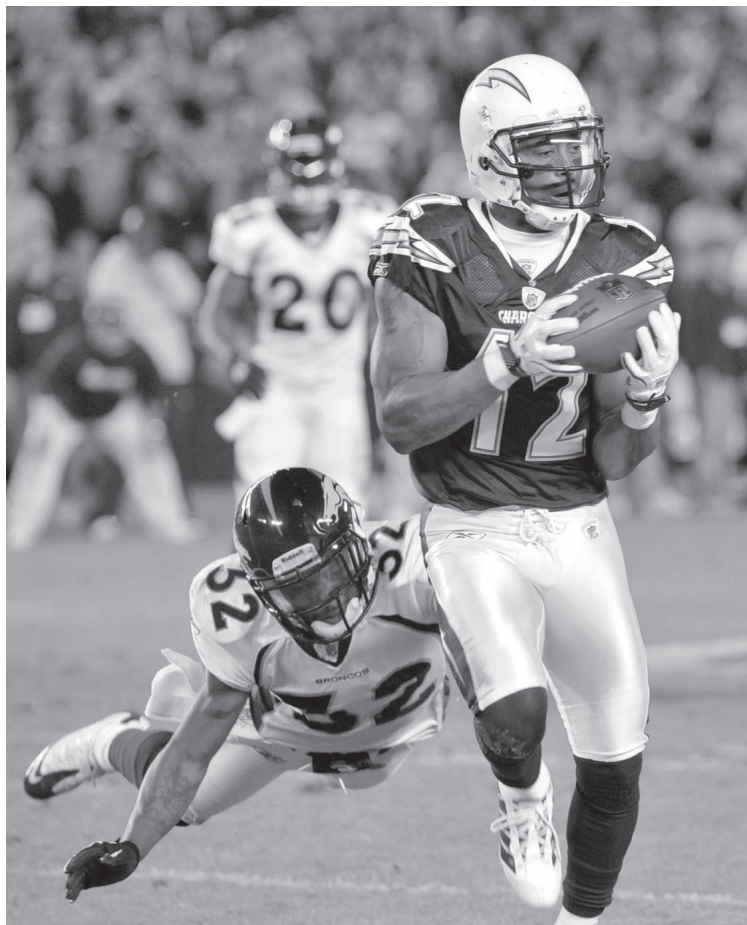
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San Diego Chargers wide receiver Patrick Crayton beats Denver Broncos cornerback Perrish Cox while catching a pass for a 16 yard gain during the first half of a NFL football game Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, in San Diego.

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“They outplayed us and made some adjustments that certainly had an effect on the game,” Broncos coach Josh McDaniels said. “Once they got control of the game, we don’t want to play the game the way we ended up playing it.”

Patrick Crayton scored on a 40-yard catch-and-run late in the second quarter, hurting his left wrist as he fell into the end zone, and speedy little Darren Sproles had a 57-yard catch-and-run early in the third.

“We’re coming together as a team,” Chargers coach Norv Turner said. “We can continue to get better but I think we’re playing our best football.”

The four-time defending AFC West champion Chargers (5-5) even pulled off a fake punt, a remarkable accomplishment considering all the special teams gaffes that contributed to a 2-5 start, the worst in Turner’s four seasons as San Diego’s coach. Mike Scifres — who’s had five punts blocked this year — waited for fullback Mike Tolbert to get open, then hit him with a 28-yard pass that set up Rivers’ tying 6-yard scoring pass to Malcom Floyd in the first quarter.

“I didn’t have a second read,

so I was glad Mike got open,” Scifres said.

The Chargers, coming off their bye, pulled into a second-place tie with Oakland, one game behind Kansas City. Denver fell to 3-7.

“This is exactly what we set out to do when we were 2-5,” said cornerback Antoine Cason, who intercepted a pass by Orton in the second quarter. “We wanted to get back in the division race to set us up for these games against division teams, and now our fate is in our own hands.”

Phillips said the Broncos were “disrespectful” before the game.

“They kind of broke it down and had some chants, but we didn’t buy into it. We were the better team after that first drive,” he said.

Rivers, who never flinches even if his favorite receivers aren’t playing, completed 15 of 24 passes, including three to Crayton for 105 yards. Tolbert gained 111 yards on 24 carries.

“Philip is playing at such a high level,” Turner said.

Rivers also threw four touchdown passes in the Chargers’ last game, a 29-23 victory at Houston on Nov. 7. The Chargers had no trouble despite playing without star tight end Antonio Gates, who missed his second straight game with a torn plantar fascia in his right foot, and rookie running back Ryan Mathews, still bothered by a high ankle sprain. “We haven’t peaked,” said Rivers, who leads the NFL with 3,177 yards passing

and has a chance to break Dan Marino’s single-season record of 5,084 set in 1984. “I don’t think we’re playing at 100 percent, but we’re playing pretty good.”

Although it wasn’t quite the air show that had been expected between Rivers and Orton — the NFL’s top two passers coming in — Rivers and his receivers came up big. Late in the second quarter, Crayton caught a short screen pass, broke a tackle by Brian Dawkins and raced toward the goal line. He was being tackled as he ran into the end zone and fell awkwardly on his left wrist even as he gave the Chargers a 21-7 lead. He was taken to the locker room and was on the sideline in street clothes in the fourth quarter, his left arm in a sling. Turner said he hopes it’s just a sprain.

Earlier, Crayton caught a deep pass from Rivers and stiff-armed safety Renaldo Hill to gain extra yards, finishing with a 49-yard gain to the Denver 6. Tolbert scored on a 1-yard run two plays later for a 14-7 lead.

Sproles’ big touchdown catch capped the opening drive of the second half and extended San Diego’s lead to 28-7. He cut inside, caught Rivers’ short pass and outraced the Broncos to the end zone.

Rivers’ final scoring pass was a 3-yarder to fullback Jacob Hester early in the fourth.

Orton was coming off a four-touchdown performance in a 49-29 dismantling of Kansas City. □



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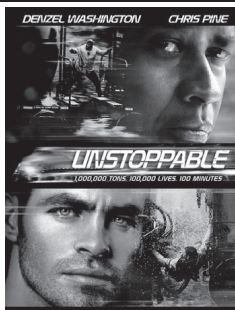
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PATERNO

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Speculating about Paterno's future is an end-of-season ritual in Happy Valley. The 2011 season would be the last year of a three-year extension signed in late 2008.

When asked, Paterno said returning was "entirely my call. ... But I would hope that what I want to do would be taken into consideration and go from there." Paterno's annual season-in-review meeting with school president Graham Spanier and athletic director Tim Curley awaits.

Curley said the immediate focus was on Michigan State.

"We're glad to hear of coach Paterno's excitement for next season," he said in a statement. "We share his optimism about the team's potential and look forward to our annual post-season discussion with coach Paterno about next year."

Paterno missed several offseason appearances because of an intestinal issue and a lingering adverse reaction to antibiotics prescribed for dental work. He also cut back on a number of in-season obligations on top of coaching,

including taping segments instead of appearing live on a weekly radio show.

Paterno has had trouble hearing at times during media availabilities. On the field, a 3-3 start had a few hardcore blue-and-white backers dusting off the "Joe Must Go" phrase on Internet message boards and radio shows.

But his overall physical health appears to have improved over the grueling season, and Paterno was as energized as ever on Tuesday in exchanging lighthearted verbal jabs with reporters.

Penn State is 4-1 since the .500 start, including a come-from-behind victory earlier this month over Northwestern to secure Paterno's landmark 400th career victory.

"Awesome! Maybe you guys will leave him alone now," Wildcats coach Pat Fitzgerald said when told of Paterno was returning. "I'm fired up for coach."

Paterno said his illness wasn't serious, and wasn't a consideration moving forward. The first question posed Tuesday at Beaver Stadium was whether he planned to return



Penn State coach Joe Paterno answers a question during his weekly NCAA college football news conference on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 in State College, Pa. Penn State hosts Michigan State on Saturday.

Associated Press

next season.

"Yeah, why you know something I don't know," he quipped.

"I'm looking forward to it. ... We've struggled a little bit this year, the youth and the injuries and the whole bit," Paterno continued. "But I think with a good spring and preseason practice ... We're going

to be a good football team, and I'd like to (be) part of it."

Linebacker Chris Colasanti wasn't surprised JoePa was returning.

"He's still vocal and energetic on the field," Colasanti said. "He still loves to come out and coach, be vocal. ... He has fun with it, we see that and we feed off of that." □



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Philadelphia Flyers' Scott Hartnell, right, and Montreal Canadiens' Jaroslav Spacek, of Czech Republic, collide in the first period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — James van Riemsdyk snapped a third-period tie with his first goal of the season to complete the Philadelphia Flyers 3-2 comeback win over

Associated Press

Hendrick Motorsports shuffles lineup for 3 teams

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hendrick Motorsports made sweeping changes to its organization Tuesday, shuffling the lineup for every team except five-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson.

A crew chief change for slumping Dale Earnhardt Jr. was not unexpected, but nobody predicted the stunning swap team owner Rick Hendrick ordered just two days after celebrating the organization's record 10th Cup championship.

Earnhardt, who has just one win through three seasons with HMS, now will be paired with crew chief Steve Letarte. He will move into the building that Letarte shares with Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus.

Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon will move out of that shop to work with crew chief Alan Gustafson. That team will be partnered with crew chief Lance McGrew and Mark Martin. The previous pairings had Gordon with Letarte,



The pit crew for the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet driven by Jimmie Johnson, rush to the car during a pit stop during the Ford 400 auto race, Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

Gustafson with Martin and McGrew with Earnhardt. Nobody believed McGrew would make it through the offseason with Earnhardt, who has struggled since joining HMS in 2008. Hendrick has stopped at nothing to turn around Earnhardt's performance, but insisted the last several months he would wait until after the season to make any personnel changes. When Hendrick finally did, just two days after Johnson and Knaus won their record

Flyers fight back to beat Canadiens, 3-2

the Montreal Canadiens in the NHL on Monday.

Claude Giroux and Ville Leino also scored for the Flyers, who trailed 2-0 after the first period.

NHL Roundup Maxim Lapierre scored twice for Montreal, which lost for the first time when leading after two periods.

Lightning 3, Bruins 1

In Tampa, Florida, Steven Stamkos got his NHL-leading 20th goal of the season to help Tampa Bay top Boston.

Stamkos, who has a point in 18 of 21 games, had one of Tampa Bay's three goals during the second period that made it 3-0.

Dana Tyrell and Teddy Purcell also scored for the Lightning, who have won four in a row.

Boston got a third-period goal

from Michael Ryder.

Blue Jackets 2, Predators 0

In Columbus, Ohio, Columbus notched its fourth straight win by downing Nashville.

Steve Mason made 27 saves for his first shutout of the season and 16th of his career. Rick Nash and Mike Commodore scored for Columbus, off to the best start in franchise history and playing its first game since a record-setting three-game sweep in California.

Nash tied the franchise record with points in nine straight games.

Senators 3, Kings 2

In Ottawa, Alex Kovalev earned his 1,000th career point when he scored on a power play midway through the first period and assisted on Jason Spezza's go-ahead goal in the third to send Ottawa past Los Angeles.

Kovalev became the 76th NHL player to reach the 1,000-point milestone with his sixth goal 10 minutes in. He joined Sergei Fedorov and Alexander Mogilny as the third Russian player to do it. Spezza scored his sixth goal of the season to restore Ottawa's lead. Milan Michalek had drawn the Senators even at 2-2 late in the second.

Anze Kopitar and Ryan Smyth scored for Los Angeles. Smyth was denied the tying goal with 3 seconds remaining. He deflected a shot into the net, but the referee immediately signaled no-goal. A lengthy video review upheld the call.

Devils 5, Capitals 0

In Newark, New Jersey, struggling New Jersey stunned NHL-leading Washington with an easy win.

Johan Hedberg made 30 saves for his 15th career shutout, while Jason Arnott scored twice and rookie Mattias Tedenby and Patrik Elias each had a goal and an assist for the Devils, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Hedberg, playing in his 300th game, got the start as Martin Brodeur is expected to miss

one to two weeks because of a bruised elbow.

Dainius Zubrus also scored for the Devils.

The Capitals dropped their third straight, giving up 14 goals in that span.

Penguins 3, Panthers 2

In Sunrise, Florida, Chris Conner scored his first goal of the season with 7:04 remaining in the third period to lift Pittsburgh over Florida. Kris Letang and Sidney Crosby had power-play goals for the Penguins, who have a 5-0-1 record in their past six games.

Crosby, who also had an assist, extended his career-best point streak to nine games.

Cory Stillman and Bryan McCabe scored for the Panthers, who missed a chance to get over the .500 mark for the first time this season. Florida went 0 for 5 on the power play, making them 0 for 25 in the past six games.

Rangers 2, Flames 1

In New York, Brian Boyle and Dan Girardi scored second-period goals to lift New York over slumping Calgary.

Rangers backup goalie Martin Biron made 31 saves. He has won both starts since replacing No. 1 Henrik Lundqvist during the loss at Colorado on Friday. Flames captain Jarome Iginla stayed hot by scoring his sixth goal in three games — and 450th in the NHL — but it wasn't enough.

Maple Leafs 4, Stars 1

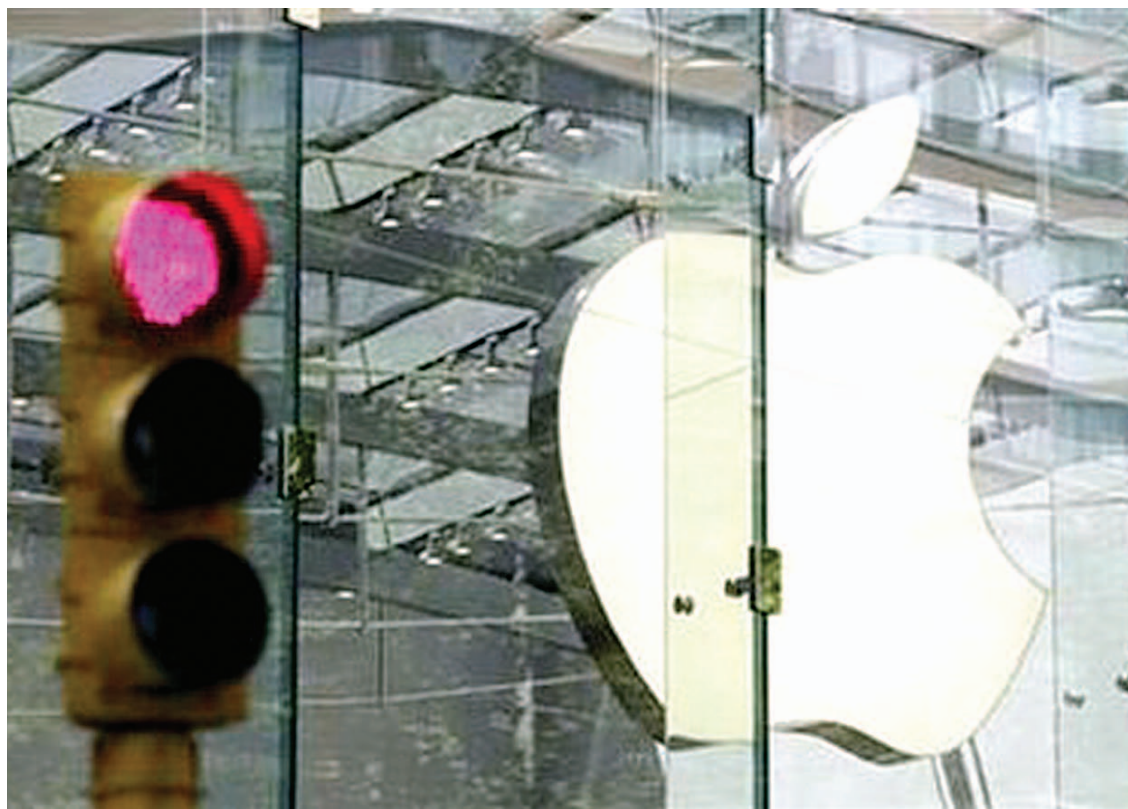
In Toronto, Nikolai Kulemin scored twice as Toronto beat Dallas.

Tyler Bozak and Kris Versteeg had the other goals for the Maple Leafs.

Brad Richards scored for Dallas.

In other NHL games it was Toronto 4, Dallas 1; New Jersey 5, Washington 0; N.Y. Rangers 2, Calgary 1; Philadelphia 3, Montreal 2; Columbus 2, Nashville 0; Ottawa 3, Los Angeles 2; Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1; and Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2. □

Rare Apple I computer sells for \$210,000 in London



The Apple logo shines inside of an Apple Store in New York July 19, 2010.

By **BENJAMIN TIMMINS,**
Associated Press

LONDON — Its processor works 1,000 times slower than the Apple iPad, but the first ever Apple computer has sold for 425 times the price.

The Apple I, one of only 200 such models ever made, was sold Tuesday afternoon at

Christie's auction house in central London for 133,250 pounds (about \$210,000.) It came with its original packaging and a signed sales letter from Steve Jobs, one of Apple Computer's co-founders and the current CEO of Apple Inc.

When the Apple I was

introduced in 1976, it was the only personal computer to come with a fully assembled motherboard, making it ready to use straight from the box — provided the user supplied a keyboard, power supply, and display, Christie's said.

It sold for \$666.66 and was available until it was

discontinued in 1977.

Bidding on the Apple I came quickly, with the computer eventually going to Italian businessman and private collector Marco Boglione, who made his offer over the phone.

Marco's brother Francesco Boglione, who attended the auction in person, told The Associated Press that Marco's purchase was a testament to his love of computers.

"The first time I had heard of the idea of a personal computer, it was from Marco," Boglione said.

He bought it "because he loves computers."

Present at the technology auction, which also included manuscripts, prints, and science-themed texts, was Apple Computer co-founder Steve Wozniak, who agreed to add an autographed letter to the lot.

He said the auction was a historic moment for his work, especially when sold alongside such other technological greats as an Enigma, the German code-making machine, and writings

of British mathematician Alan Turing, considered one of the founders of modern computing.

"Today my heart went out as I got to see things auctioned off like the Turing documents and the Enigma machine — and the Apple I," Wozniak told journalists after the auction. "It really was an important step, (even though) I didn't feel that way when I designed it."

"I'm very delighted for the gentleman who purchased it," he added.

Boglione said his brother's newly purchased Apple I would likely be returned to working condition — and eventually join a collection of Apple computers.

Inside the auction house Tuesday afternoon, many patrons studied the sale catalog using Apple's iPads and iPhones — a sign of the times, said Christie's Julian Wilson.

"It is a fitting illustration of how computers have revolutionized the world," he said. □

News Corp to buy education tech co for \$360 mln

News Corp said it will acquire 90 percent of Wireless Generation, a privately-held Brooklyn-based education technology firm, for about \$360 million in cash to expand its presence into the education technology sector. The company said that on completion of the deal, Wireless Generation will become a unit of News Corp and will be managed by the target company's executives, including founder and CEO Larry Berger, who will retain a 10 percent interest. "When it comes to K through 12 education, we see a \$500 billion sector in the U.S. alone...," News Corp CEO Rupert

Murdoch said in a statement.

Established in 2000, Wireless Generation offers mobile and web software, data systems and professional services that allow teachers to use data to assess student progress and deliver individualized instruction.

News Corp is home to Fox broadcast and cable networks, Twentieth Century Fox movie studio, and newspapers such as The Wall Street Journal.

Shares of News Corp closed at \$14.21 on the Nasdaq stock exchange on Monday. (\$1=.6267 Pound) □

TSA App tries to ease air travel pain

NEW YORK — It won't save you from "enhanced patdowns," but an iPhone app from the TSA tries to ease the pain of air travel by offering guidance on prohibited items, security wait times and packing tips.

Called My TSA, short for Transportation Security

Administration, the free app lets users fill in the blank to ask if they can bring various objects through the airport security checkpoint.

The app also lists wait times for security lines for U.S. airports, as submitted by users, shown either as a map

or a list. Users can also search for specific airports.

A recent check for "pie" yielded five results, showing that under the TSA's rules solid pies can be either checked or carried on, though they may be subject to additional screening. "Turkey" was not found. □



Media mogul Rupert Murdoch smiles after presenting an award at the 38th International Emmy Awards in New York City November 22, 2010.

Review: Johnson returns to action in 'Faster'

By **JAKE COYLE**,
AP Entertainment Writer
While "Faster," the new action film by Dwayne Johnson (aka "The Rock"), is both fast and furious, it should not be confused with



Simon Cowell poses with his award at the 38th International Emmy Awards, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, in New York.

(AP Photo/Louis Lanzano)

Cowell says Tyler is a perfect 'Idol' replacement

By **JOHN CARUCCI**,
Associated Press
NEW YORK — Former "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell says he's happy that Steven Tyler will take his place.
Cowell says, "I always said it had to be someone who wasn't better looking than me and they achieved it."
He poked fun at Tyler before collecting the Founders Awards at the International Emmy Awards in New York on Monday night.
Cowell said the Aerosmith frontman seems like a nice guy, and Randy Jackson told him they were having a lot of fun.
He believes Tyler can adequately fill his shoes, but stopped short of saying the rock star would damage his credibility being on the show.
Cowell says the role of judge is something that Tyler wants to do and that "it's a fun job. You got to take it like that. You can't take it too seriously." □



In this film publicity image released by CBS Films, Dwayne Johnson is shown in a scene from, 'Faster.'

(AP Photo/CBS Films, Chuck Hodes)

one of the "Fast and the Furious" movies. It keeps a good "Speed," accelerates with "Torque," as if propelled by "Crank," all without the benefit of being "Armored." Let's just hope there isn't a "Crash."
Films of revved-up adrenaline have become commonplace. They're like movies on steroids, and with some of the same side-effects: nausea, stunted growth and probably some liver damage.
"Faster" begins with Johnson's character being released in a seething rage from a 10-year prison sentence, and immediately sprinting from the remote facility. He's racing for vengeance, and that means

he won't wait for the bus.
The movie is in such a hurry that it doesn't bother to slow down for proper names, instead referring to its main characters as archetypes: Johnson is "Driver," Billy Bob Thornton is "Cop" and newcomer Oliver Jackson-Cohen is "Killer."
Driver is out of prison not an hour before he shoots a man in the head, in broad daylight. His rage, we learn, comes from the incident that preceded his jail term.
After joining his brother's crew for a bank heist as the driver, the crew is ambushed by another, who kills everyone. Driver only survives miraculously, earning

him a fearsome reputation as a "ghost." Now, he's got a revenge list of people to kill, which he crosses off one-by-one like completed errands.
On his trail is Thornton's Cop, a sleazy detective near retirement with a hidden drug addiction. Most egregiously, director George Tillman, Jr. ("Notorious," "Barbershop") uses Kenny Rogers' "Just Dropped In" for Cop's drug daze, apparently thinking it's OK to copy "The Big Lebowski."
His reluctant partner on the case is played by Carla Gugino ("Entourage," "American Gangster"), the finest actor in the film who's nevertheless saddled with one of it's worst puns, a joke courtesy of screenwriters Joe and Tony Gayton, about the Cop being Quasimodo because of a "hunch." (Should we pause a moment to stop gagging?)
Also in pursuit is Killer, a handsome, rich, British hit man with a gorgeous girlfriend (Maggie Grace) and the arrogance to claim he's "beaten" Yoga. All of which is to say, he's one of the more insufferable characters in recent moviemaking.
Around the time the hit man proposes to his girlfriend via

Bluetooth, one begins to think "Faster" resembles the kind of film the cast of "Jersey Shore" might have scripted.
Johnson, of course, is the center of attention. A man of few words, he's simply a bullet of fury. He's almost literally a bullet; Driver has a metal plate holding his dome in place. Eventually, he begins to doubt his path of extreme violence, and everything will come to a head in a church tent to bestow some unearned religious significance on the film. "Faster" is Johnson's return to his bread-and-butter. After dabbling in comedy and kids films, he's back to macho action, like Arnold Schwarzenegger's prodigal son. A former wrestler with biceps as large as his neck, action films would seem the natural place for Johnson.
But here's a thought: They aren't. Johnson has the muscle for muscle-head movies, but, a gifted mugger, he's better dressed up as the Tooth Fairy or hosting "Saturday Night Live." His inner goofball should win out.
"Faster," a CBS Films release, is rated R for violence, some drug use and language. Running time: 98 minutes. One star out of four. □

Judge blocks use of Adrien Brody's image in film

By **ANTHONY McCARTNEY**,
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES — A federal judge has blocked the makers of a thriller film starring Adrien Brody from using the Oscar-winning actor's likeness until he is fully paid for his role.
U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer issued a ruling Monday blocking the makers of "Giallo" from continuing to distribute, market or sell "Giallo" in the United States.
Brody sued last month before the film went on sale in the states, claiming he was owed \$640,000 and its DVD release could cost him \$2 million.
In a sworn declaration, he said the film's producers lied to him about financing and vastly overstated how much the film's Italian distribution rights were worth.
The actor tried unsuccessfully to

block the film's sale, but Fischer's ruling states Brody is likely to win the case and his likeness can no longer be used in the film or to promote it.
The ruling also states Brody is "suffering, and will continue to suffer, immediate and irreparable harm" unless the injunction was granted.
Brody's face appears twice on the DVD cover of "Giallo," which features him playing an FBI special agent hunting a serial killer in Italy.
A call to attorney Martin Barab, who is representing the makers of "Giallo," was not immediately returned Tuesday.
Brody has been paid nearly \$1 million for his role, and Barab has denied any wrongdoing by his clients.
Brody, 37, won an Oscar in 2003 for his role in "The Pianist." □



FILE - In this Oct. 23, 2010 file photo, actor Adrien Brody arrives at the 32nd Annual Carousel of Hope Ball in Beverly Hills, Calif. A federal judge in Los Angeles has blocked the makers of a thriller film starring Adrien Brody from using the Oscar-winning actor's likeness until he is fully paid for his role. U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer issued a ruling Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, blocking the makers of 'Giallo' from continuing to distribute, market or sell the film in the United States.

(AP Photo/Dan Steinberg, file)



In this Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 photo, shipping containers are shown stacked at the Port of Miami in Miami. The economy grew slightly faster last summer than first thought, benefiting from stronger spending by U.S. shoppers and improved overseas sales of U.S. goods.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

Economic growth slightly faster than first thought

By JEANNINE AVERSA,
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The economy grew slightly faster last summer than first thought, benefiting from stronger spending by U.S. shoppers and improved overseas sales of U.S. goods. The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the economy expanded at a 2.5 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter. That was better than the 2 percent pace initially estimated last month.

The pickup in growth comes after the economy slowed sharply in the spring, advancing at an anemic rate of just 1.7 percent. Still, the economy would need to grow at least twice as fast as it did in the third quarter to make a dent in the 9.6 percent unemployment rate.

That's why the Fed recently jumped in with a second round of stimulus. The Fed announced Nov. 3 that it will buy \$600 billion worth of government bonds.

The effort is aimed at getting Americans to spend more by making loans cheaper and by boosting stock prices. But no one — including Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke — thinks the program would create the robust growth needed to ratchet down the unemployment rate.

"Growth is not where we want it to be or where it should be," said economist Ken Mayland of ClearView Economics, after the new reading on economic activity.

In another report, sales of previously owned homes slipped slightly in October. High unemployment and hard-to-get credit kept buyers away.

The National Association of Realtors said existing-home sales dipped 2.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.43 million units.

Sales in October were 38.9 percent below their peak of 7.25 million units set in September 2005 during the height of the housing boom.

The median price for a home sold in October was \$170,500, down 0.9 percent from a year ago. Prices continue to be depressed by weak sales and a huge overhang of unsold homes. □

Korean conflict, European worries weigh on stocks

By MATTHEW CRAFT,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks fell early Tuesday after North Korea and South Korea exchanged artillery fire near their disputed sea border, killing at least two South Korean marines. Treasury prices, the dollar and gold all rose as investors sought safe places to park money.

A weak reading on existing home sales for October also dragged stocks lower. Shares also fell in Europe on concerns that a bailout of Ireland may not be enough to contain a regional debt crisis. Borrowing costs for Portugal and Spain rose, leading Spain to trim the size of a debt sale. Stocks received little support from an upward revision of U.S. economic growth. Before trading opened, the government reported that gross domestic product expanded at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the third quarter, up from an earlier estimate of 2 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 154.77, or 1.4 percent, to 11,023.81 in afternoon trading.

The Standard & Poor's 500 lost 17.65, or 1.5 percent, to 1,180.19. The Nasdaq composite index fell 43.70, or 1.7 percent, to 2,488.32.

The clash between North and South Korea was one of the most dramatic between the two rivals since the end of the Korean war and one of the few to put civilians at risk. Sixteen South Korean soldiers and three civilians were injured in the artillery exchanges.

The escalating tensions came shortly after the reclusive North Korean regime claimed to have a new uranium enrichment facility and six weeks after the country's



FILE - In this file photo taken Nov. 16, 2010, traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer, file)

leader Kim Jong Il anointed his youngest son as his heir apparent.

Hewlett-Packard Co. was one of only three of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones industrial average to rise. Shares gained 1.4 percent after the technology company beat Wall Street's expectations for revenue and income thanks to strong corporate spending. Pfizer Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. also rose.

Energy shares led the decline as the price of crude oil fell. ExxonMobil Corp. was the biggest loser in the Dow,

falling 2.6 percent. Chevron Corp. was not far behind with a loss of 2.5 percent. Crude oil fell 72 cents to \$81.02.

Shares of Netflix Inc. rose 0.1 percent after the movie rental company announced a new pricing structure aimed at weaning customers off of DVDs. The company announced a cheap plan that offers movies and TV shows only through online streaming. In economic news, sales of previously owned houses dipped 2.2 percent in October, according to the National Association of Realtors. □

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Traditionally, a festive feast or dinner is a focal element of the holiday season where we sit down with family and friends for the "breaking of the bread". The expression "breaking of bread", some believe, must be qualified. "Breaking of bread" signified the dividing of the bread cakes or loaves which were used by Orientals. Sometimes "breaking of bread" is used concerning partaking of a common meal (Mk. 6: 41; Acts 27: 35) and "Breaking of bread" is also used in connection with the religious memorial called the Lord's Supper. We are talking about Christmas dinner and before we can sit down to enjoy our meal, we need to plan our menu.

For several years already we have said goodbye to the traditional holiday smoked ham. Ham, as all pork products is detrimental to people in all blood groups. Pork aggravates blood to become sticky; slows down proper digestion and obstructs

absorption of nutrition. Instead we have a turkey that I slowly roast on the barbeque. No deep frying here! Turkey has become my family dinner's center piece because it is a healthy alternative to more traditional foods that are classed as being detrimental according to your blood type. I carve a mean plate of turkey in front of our guests. You might not know this but the nutrition facts of turkey per serving is: 232 calories, 11 grams of fat, but only 3 grams saturated fat, 108 mg cholesterol, 77 mg sodium, 0 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber, 32 grams protein, and 15% iron. There is nothing wrong nutritionally here. Additionally, hiding in the 32 grams of protein is tryptophan an essential amino acid. Tryptophan is needed for the production of Niacin (vitamin B 3) and is the precursor of our brain chemical serotonin. Serotonin is the calming, sedating substance essential for normal mood and sleep patterns. Now you know why you are so inclined to take a nap after a turkey dinner.

The traditional potato smothered in cheese is out. Both the potato and cheese will slow down the metabolism of most of us. Instead, for carbohydrates we use sweet potatoes, pumpkin, and brown rice. This year, after baking the potatoes in the grill next to the turkey, we are going to mash the sweet potatoes with a touch of ginger. Ginger contains components that positively influence known disease susceptibility, a good thing. I think the ginger balances nicely the taste of the sweet potatoes. Slow, baking brings out the sweetness in the potatoes, but the glycemic load is very low! This means it won't spike your insulin. The nutrition facts per serving of sweet potatoes includes: 240 calories, 6 g total fat, 4 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 73 mg sodium, 46 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 2 g protein, 294% vitamin A, 54% vitamin C. Did you see the amount of vitamin A? Wow, I am surprised that sweet potatoes do not need to be registered as an eye medicine.

We could not think about any holiday dinner without serving pumpkin. Here

we go again helping our eyes. The nutrition facts for pumpkin per serving is: 286 calories, 13 grams total fat, 4 g saturated fat, 86 mg cholesterol, 120 mg sodium, 38 g carbohydrate, 2 grams of fiber, 7 grams protein, 130% vitamin A, 9% vitamin C, 7% calcium, 13% iron. Did you notice the blood building qualities of pumpkin? Only people with blood group B cannot enjoy this delicious and nutritious vegetable. In Aruba, pumpkin soup is a specialty. If I am lucky Amy might bake me a pumpkin pie, yum! Or maybe we will make pumpkin with onions.

As in every meal at our house brown rice is the staple carbohydrate. For this meaningful occasion we will add some zest (and even more nutrition) to our brown rice with wild rice and quinoa. Brown rice can be enjoyed by all blood groups.

White "polished" rice is nutritionally lifeless since the bran, which contains all of the nutrition, has been stolen to sell to pharmaceutical companies to make B complex vitamins. This should give us a strong indication the benefit derived from eating brown rice. The wild rice, especially if harvested from wild ponds, contains trace minerals missing in our other grains. Super-grain, Peruvian quinoa has one of the highest amounts of absorbable calcium available. Support for our bones that cooks in just 15 minutes!

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interaction with the bacterium found in over 90% of all bladder infections, Escherichia coli ("E. coli"). This strain of E.coli is found as part of the "normal microflora" in every intestinal tract. But even normal E.coli does not belong in the bladder and urinary tract. In these areas they multiply and become an infection. D-Mannose "sticks" to E.coli. When we take a large quantity of D-Mannose by eating cranberries, almost all of it spills into the urine through our kidneys, literally "coating" any E.coli present so they can no longer "stick" to the inside walls of the bladder and urinary tract. The E.coli is literally rinsed away with normal urination! Imagine, all from eating cranberries. Include your favorite fresh green vegetables prepared with olive oil and fresh herbs, and you've got yourself a healthy, holiday feast.

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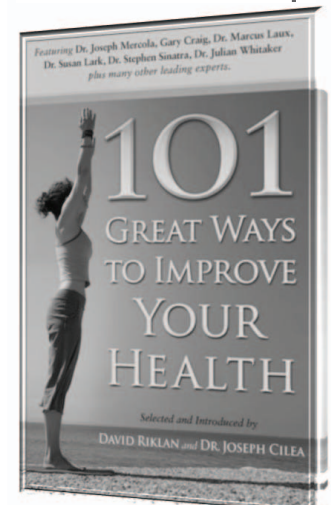
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Study: AIDS pill helps gay men avoid HIV infection

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE,
AP Medical Writer

Scientists have an exciting breakthrough in the fight against AIDS. A pill already used to treat HIV infection turns out to be a powerful weapon in protecting healthy gay men from catching the virus, a global study found.

Daily doses of Truvada cut the risk of infection by 44 percent when given with condoms, counseling and other prevention services. Men who took their pills most faithfully had even more protection, up to 73 percent.

Researchers had feared the pills might give a false sense of security and make men less likely to use condoms or to limit their partners, but the opposite happened — risky sex declined.

"I am encouraged by this announcement of groundbreaking research on HIV prevention," said a statement Tuesday from President Barack Obama. "While more work is needed, these kinds of studies could mark the beginning of a new era in HIV prevention."

The results are "a major advance" that can help curb the epidemic in gay men, said Dr. Kevin Fenton, AIDS prevention chief at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But he warned they may not apply to people exposed to HIV through male-female sex, drug use or other ways. Studies in those groups are under way now.

The news came as UNAIDS announced that the global epidemic was slowing — new cases dropped nearly 20 percent over the last decade and about 33 million people are living with HIV now. Health officials credit part of the decline to wider condom use, and on Tuesday the Vatican said that using a condom is a lesser evil than infecting a sexual partner with HIV — further expanding what some see as Pope Benedict XVI's softening stance on this issue. "This is a great day in the fight against AIDS ... a major milestone," said a statement from Mitchell Warren, head of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, a nonprofit group that works on HIV prevention. Because Truvada is already on the market, the CDC is rushing to develop guidelines



FILE - In a May 2006 file photo, Gilead Sciences Inc. Chief Executive John Martin holds a Truvada pill bottle in a lab in Foster City, Calif. Scientists have an exciting breakthrough in the fight against AIDS. Daily doses of Truvada, a pill already used to treat infection with HIV, the virus that causes the disease, helped prevent healthy gay men from catching it through sex with an infected partner. In a study of gay and bisexual men in six countries, the pill, Gilead's Truvada, cut the risk of infection by 44 percent when given with condoms, counseling and other prevention services. Men who took their pills most faithfully, at least 90 percent of the time, had even more protection — 73 percent.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, File)

for doctors using it for HIV prevention, and urged people to wait until those are ready.

"It's not time for gay and bisexual men to throw out their condoms," Fenton said. The pill "should never be seen as a first line of defense against HIV."

As a practical matter, price could limit use. The pills cost from \$5,000 to \$14,000 a year in the United States, but only 39 cents a day in some poor countries where they are sold in generic form. Whether insurers or government health programs should pay for them is one of the tough issues to be sorted out, and cost-effectiveness analyses should help, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"This is an exciting finding," but it "is only one study in one specific study population," so its impact on others is unknown, Fauci said.

His institute sponsored the study with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Results were reported at a news conference Tuesday and published online by the New England Journal of Medicine.

It is the third AIDS prevention victory in about a year. In September 2009, scientists announced that a vaccine they are now trying to improve had protected one in 3 people from getting HIV in a study in Thailand. In July, research in South Africa showed that a vaginal gel spiked with an

AIDS drug could cut nearly in half a woman's chances of getting HIV from an infected partner.

Gay and bisexual men account for nearly half of the more than 1 million Americans living with HIV. Worldwide, more than 7,000 new infections occur each day. Unlike in the U.S., only 5 to 10 percent of global cases involve sex between men. "The condom is still the first line of defense," because it also prevents other sexually spread diseases and unwanted pregnancies, said the study leader, Dr. Robert M. Grant of the Gladstone Institutes, a private foundation affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco.

But many men don't or won't use condoms all the time, so researchers have been testing other prevention tools.

AIDS drugs already are used to prevent infection in health care workers accidentally exposed to HIV, and in babies whose pregnant mothers are on the medication. Taking these drugs before exposure to the virus may keep it from taking hold, just as taking malaria pills in advance can prevent that disease when someone is bitten by an infected mosquito.

The strategy showed great promise in monkey studies using tenofovir (brand name Viread) and emtricitabine, or FTC (Emtriva), sold in combination as Truvada by California-based Gilead Sciences Inc. □

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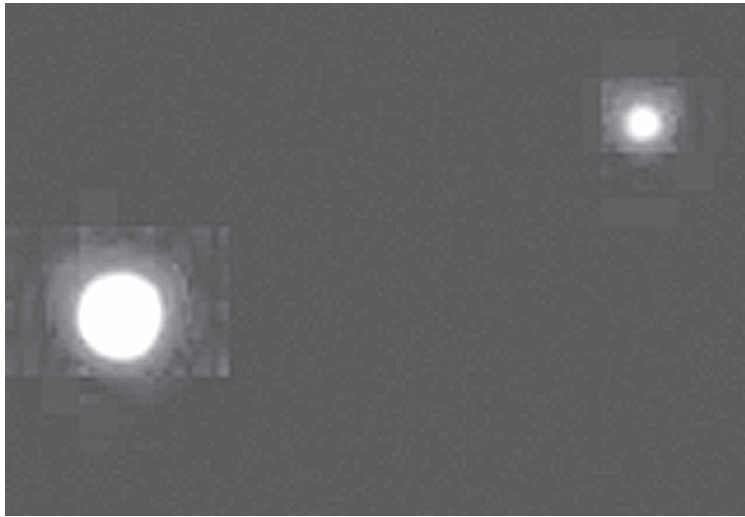
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Should Pluto Be a Planet After All? Experts Weigh In



Mike Wall

Now that Pluto may have regained its status as the largest object in the outer solar system, should astronomers consider giving it back another former title — that of full-fledged planet?

Pluto was demoted to a newly created category, “dwarf planet,” in 2006, partly because of the discovery a year earlier of Eris, another icy body from Pluto’s neighborhood. Eris was thought to be bigger than Pluto until Nov. 6, when astronomers got a chance to recalculate Eris’ size.

Now it appears that Pluto reigns — though only by the slimmest of margins (the numbers are so close as to be nearly indistinguishable, when uncertainties are taken into account).

The new finding brings renewed attention to Pluto, and to the controversial decision to strip the frigid world of its planet status. Should Pluto be a planet? Should Eris, and many other objects circling the sun beyond Neptune’s orbit? Or

is the current system, which recognizes just eight relatively large planets, the way to go? SPACE.com asked some experts to weigh in on this debate, which affects how astronomers view the solar system, as well as how complicated schoolchildren’s planet-memorizing mnemonics must be:

The background: Pluto’s demotion

Eris is about 9 billion miles (15 billion kilometers) from the sun at its farthest orbital point, making it about twice as distant as Pluto. Its discovery in 2005 ultimately led astronomers — uncomfortable with the prospect of finding many more planets in the frigid outer reaches of the solar system — to reconsider Pluto’s status.

In 2006, the International Astronomical Union came up with the following official definition of “planet:” A body that circles the sun without being some other object’s satellite, is large enough to be rounded by its own gravity

(but not so big that it begins to undergo nuclear fusion, like a star) and has “cleared its neighborhood” of most other orbiting bodies.

Since Pluto shares orbital space with lots of other objects out in the Kuiper Belt — the ring of icy bodies beyond Neptune — it didn’t make the cut. Instead, the IAU rebranded Pluto, and Eris, as “dwarf planets.”

Dwarf planets are not officially full-fledged planets, so Pluto was stripped of the status it had held since its discovery in 1930. Eight planets officially remain: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

The case against Pluto

The scientist who discovered Eris, Caltech astronomer Mike Brown, thinks Pluto’s demotion was the right move. Pluto, Eris and the many other Kuiper Belt objects are far too different to be lumped in with the eight official planets, he said.

For one thing, they’re much smaller. Pluto is about 1,455 miles (2,342 km) wide. The smallest official planet, Mercury, is more than twice as big at 3,032 miles (4,880 km) across.

The dwarfs’ orbits tend to be very different, too — “much more elliptical and more inclined, relative to the plane of the solar system. And they’re made of different stuff, with ices comprising more of their mass.”



A worker of the Israel Antiquities Authority works at an excavation site in Jerusalem’s Old City, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010. Israeli archaeologists preparing the ground for a new Jewish ritual bath in Jerusalem’s Old City say they have made a coincidental discovery, an 1,800 year-old-swimming pool built by the same Roman legion that destroyed the ancient city’s hallowed second Jewish Temple.

(AP Photo/Bernat Armangue)

Israeli archaeologists uncover Roman pool

By DANIEL ESTRIN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM — While excavating the site for a planned new ritual bath for Jews in Jerusalem, Israeli archaeologists uncovered a pool belonging to the Roman legion that sacked the city nearly 2,000 years ago.

The discovery announced Monday sheds a rare light on the city the Romans built after destroying the second Jewish Temple in 70 A.D. and expelling the Jews from Jerusalem following their revolt.

Ofer Sion, the director of the excavation in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem’s Old City, said the site helps prove that the Roman city was larger than

previously thought.

“It is very important because in all the excavations in the Jewish quarter (we have) never found a building from the 2nd and 3rd century,” he said Monday.

History-rich Jerusalem is one of the most excavated cities in the world, and archaeologists are routinely deployed to examine sites ahead of any planned construction projects.

The archaeologists found steps leading to the pool’s white mosaic floor and hundreds of terra cotta roof tiles stamped with the name of the Roman unit — the famed Tenth Legion — that built the pool. Sion suggested the site was part of a larger complex where thousands of soldiers once bathed. After the city was sacked and the Jewish kingdom overthrown, the Romans founded the city of Aelia Capitolina as capital of the new province of Syria-Palestina.

Later, when the Jordanians ruled in Jerusalem’s Old City from 1948-1967, a sewing factory was built on the same site, Sion said.

When the archaeologists complete their dig, the Jerusalem city council will continue their plans to build a mikveh, a Jewish ritual bath, Israeli authorities said. Some religious Jews routinely use the bath for ritual purification.

Israel’s Antiquities Authority said that the remains of the ancient Roman bathhouse would be integrated into the design of the new ritual bath.

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Venezuela busca explotación de gas natural submarino

CARACAS (AP) - Venezuela quiere explotar los depósitos de gas natural en frente de sus costas, un proyecto que el presidente Hugo Chávez afirma ayudará a convertir al país exportador de petróleo en un importante productor de gas a nivel global.

El ministro de Energía y presidente de PDVSA, Rafael Ramírez, dijo el lunes que las últimas perforaciones de exploración "han dado resultados extraordinarios": cerca de 15 billones de pies cúbicos de gas bajo el suelo marino en un punto en el que los expertos pensaron había sólo una fracción de eso.

La compañía de energía italiana Eni SpA, socia en el proyecto, anunció los resultados la semana pasada, diciendo que se trata del depósito de gas natural más grande de Venezuela y uno de los hallazgos más importantes de los últimos años.



Analistas del sector energético ya está en la punta en cuanto Latina, sigue estando lejos de advertieron que Venezuela, que a reservas de gas en América vender su gas en el mercado

internacional y aún intenta cubrir su demanda interna.

Sin embargo, el director ejecutivo de Eni, Paolo Scaroni, se mostró optimista el lunes basado en las observaciones de su compañía del yacimiento conocido como Pearl 3 a 70 metros (230 pies) en frente de las costa occidental de Venezuela.

"En las ultimas semanas se demostró más importante de lo que esperábamos", dijo en un evento de lanzamiento de un proyecto petrolero de 17.000 millones de dólares que involucra a Eni y a la petrolera estatal Petroleos de Venezuela SA, o PDVSA.

Scaroni dijo que los proyectos de gas y petróleo convertirán a Venezuela en "un país de verdad estratégico para nuestro desarrollo".

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